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Hurd attacks Kinnock over spy book case

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government last night widened its criticism of Mr Neil Kinnock's conduct over the Australian spy book case when Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said that he had broken the political consensus over defence and national security.

In a strong personal attack on the Labour leader, whom he accused of an amazing mixture of inexperience and irresponsibility, Mr Hurd angered opposition MPs by putting forward Mr Kinnock's breach of the politicial consensus as a reason for opposing changes in the control of the security services by bringing in experienced politicians to review its operations.

Mr Hurd was speaking in a Commons debate in which he disclosed that improved positive vetting and management procedures for MI5 demanded by the Prime Minister in the wake of the 1985 Security Commission report into the Bettaney spy case have been introduced by Sir Anthony Duff, the new Director-General of MI5.

Mr Hurd said that a report on the changes had been delivered to the Prime Minister earlier this year, and that the Security Commission had since informed Mrs Thatcher of its approval "for the more open style of management" which the Director-General had introduced in the service. Vetting procedures were being improved following the recruitment of more investigating officers.

The debate, initiated by the Alliance to exploit the Government's difficulties over the Wright affair, was marked by continuing Government attempts to deflect the attack on to Mr Kinnock, efforts which

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Labour and Alliance spokesmen criticized yesterday.

It had been preceded by further controversy over Mr Kinnock's role when a Conservative MP alleged in a Commons motion, protected by parliamentary privilege, that the Opposition Leader was being briefed by a person who has been allowed to attend the closed court hearings in the Wright case.

The allegation was denied by Mr Kinnock in America yesterday and by Mr Wright's lawyer in Australia, Mr Malcolm Turnbull.

In the Commons motion, Mr Richard Hickmet said that Mr Paul Greengrass, a producer for the TV programme *World in Action*, had been in the defence team present in court in all proceedings, including those in camera.

The motion calls upon Mr Kinnock to confirm "that Mr Greengrass has been briefing him, his office and other Labour honourable members on a regular and frequent basis as to what questions should be asked in this House in an effort to undermine the Crown's case and British national security".

Granada Television last night flatly denied that Mr Greengrass has acted as an informant for Mr Kinnock. He was on leave and working for Mr Wright in a private capacity.

The allegations further angered the Labour Party which sees the Government's efforts to embarrass Mr Kinnock as an obvious diversionary tactic. Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, told a meeting of Labour MPs yesterday: "The Government is now engaged in a precisely planned and carefully co-ordinated attempt to divert public attention from the humiliation they are suffering in Sydney".

He demanded Mrs Thatcher state publicly whether she intended to abandon the traditional confidential briefings between the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition on security matters.

His remarks came as Government sources again made clear that Mrs Thatcher wants Mr Kinnock to explain to the Commons his contacts with the defence lawyer in the Wright case before there is any chance of the convention being restored. One Labour MP said yesterday: "She wants him to grovel."

In the Commons debate Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, described Mr Kinnock as "more of a fool than a knave".

● **WASHINGTON:** Mr Kinnock yesterday rejected Mrs Thatcher's call for him to return home and make a statement on his involvement with Mr Malcolm Turnbull, the defence lawyer in the MI5 book case. He said "they are not going to start running my life" (Robin Oakley writes).

Mounted police keep an eye on last-minute share applicants in the City of London yesterday. (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Swiss bank tie to CIA rebel aid

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Afghan and Angolan rebels received covert assistance as a result of arms sales to Iran, a US Government source said yesterday.

The funds were supplied from a Swiss bank account, controlled by the Central Intelligence Agency, which was also used to supply money to Nicaraguan Contras rebels.

The source confirmed a report in yesterday's *Washington Post* that the US and the Saudi Arabian governments had each deposited $250 million (£178.5 million) in the account to underwrite rebels fighting Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

A White House spokesman said he had no knowledge of the reported account. A CIA spokeswoman also declined comment.

The *Washington Post* report said money from the Swiss account was used to buy arms for the Contras when Congress had forbidden any military support for them.

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Money from the account was used to buy arms which were clandestinely shipped to guerrillas in Afghanistan and, more recently, to Contras in Nicaragua, according to one congressional source.

This version contradicts statements made by Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, that profits from the Iran arms sales were "deposited" in bank accounts which were under the control of the Contras and their supporters.

One source said Mr Meese may not have been fully informed when he made his statement on November 25.

● **CREDIBILITY HIT:** Vice-President George Bush on Wednesday conceded that President Reagan's "credibility has been damaged," but said he supported secret arms sales to Iran (AP) reports.

Sid blamed for gas applicants shortfall

By Richard Lander

The £5.6 billion British Gas share flotation closed yesterday with preliminary estimates indicating that far fewer people had applied than the organizers of the issue had hoped for only a few days ago.

However, the issue of 1.6 billion shares to the British public was well oversubscribed – perhaps by five times – and will be increased by a further 964 million shares originally allocated to British institutional investors and overseas applicants. A total of 4 billion shares are on offer.

Mr Michael Henman of Dewe Rogerson, the publicity adviser to British Gas, said between 3.5 million and 4 million people had applied by yesterday's 10 am deadline.

Earlier this week, the organizers had said that market research indicated about 6 million cheques and application forms would have to be counted. The figures also compare poorly with the 7.5 million inquiries for the issue and the 5.5 million priority registrations lodged by British Gas customers.

Suspicions for the reason behind the shortfall immediately fell on the long-running and expensive "Tell Sid" advertising campaign which appeared to delight and irritate the population in equal parts. "It looks like the ad campaign ran too long and peaked too early and failed to convert interest into applications," one City analyst said.

Mr Henman said it appeared many people had applied jointly on one form per household rather than individually. He estimated the average application size at £1,300, compared with £800 for British Telecom and £1,000 for the TSB.

Mr Anthony Alt, of N M Rothschild, the merchant bank adviser to the issue, also refused to be downcast. He said the issue would create more new shareholders than any other issue because the bank did not intend to ballot applicants as was done with the TSB issue.

Details of how many shares applicants will receive should be known by Monday, when official trading in the shares starts on the Stock Exchange.

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US connection possible in Guinness affair

By Lawrence Lever

The Guinness investigation took a new twist yesterday as suggestions emerged that two American financiers may have supported Guinness's share price at the time of its £2.7 billion bid for Distillers.

The effect of any price support operations would be to increase the value of Guinness's bid for Distillers and its chance of succeeding against the rival bid from Argyll. Guinness won the takeover battle in April this year.

The DTI investigation is focusing the purchases in Guinness and Distillers shares at the time of the bid. In particular it is looking to see whether there was any insider dealing in these shares and also any evidence of an illegal arrangement by Guinness or other parties to buy its own shares.

Such arrangements would be against section 151 of the Companies Act 1985 and can lead to both a fine on the company and imprisonment of any directors involved.

Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced American speculator, is known to have approached Mr Gulliver, the chairman of Argyll, apparently offering to support Argyll's bid for Distillers. At the time Mr Boesky had a large holding of Distillers shares.

Mr Gulliver turned down Mr Boesky's offer. Sources in the market say that Mr Boesky later used a number of investment businesses he controlled to purchase Guinness shares, pushing up the value of its bid for Distillers.

Another aspect of the bid under scrutiny are the actions of the Rapid America Corporation.

Rapid had a contract with Distillers to distribute its products in the US. Mr Meshulam Riklis, its owner, made an approach to Mr Gulliver, indicating his support in return for the continuance of the Rapid contract when Argyll took control.

Mr Gulliver declined to enter into any arrangement with Mr Riklis. Subsequently a subsidiary company of Rapid, called Schenley, purchased Guinness shares.

It subsequently emerged that Schenley held 30 million Guinness shares, representing 4 per cent of Guinness after it had been enlarged.

The size of the stake took Samual Montagu, the merchant bank, advising Argyll, completely by surprise. It had been tracking the Guinness shareholder register and thought that Schenley held only 2 or 3 million shares.

During the course of the bid Samuel Montagu had asked the city's Takeover Panel to investigate whether there had been special arrangments between Guinness and other parties which had not been disclosed. The panel ruled that nothing untoward had happened.

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Why Havers was not consulted

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, was excluded from the decision not to stop the Chapman Pincher spy book in 1981 because of the "delicate" circumstances in which the manuscript was obtained by MI5, senior government sources have said.

Far from Sir Michael having taken the decision to allow the book to go ahead unchallenged, as Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, said in his original evidence to the Peter Wright spy book case in Sydney, it is now clear that a deliberate decision was taken not to inform him.

As reported in *The Times* on Monday the decision not to ban the book, *Their Trade Is Treachery*, was taken primarily on the advice of MI5's chief lawyer.

It is suspected by Labour MPs that the manuscript was stolen some weeks before the book's publication and its existence and contents notified to the Government by MI5.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, made the apparently suspicious circumstances in which the book was obtained a central feature of his speech in yesterday's Commons debate on the security services. He asked whether illegal methods were employed and what sort of ministerial approval was required before MI5 could act illegally.

In the Sydney court on Friday, after he corrected his earlier evidence that Sir Michael took the decision on the Pincher book and said, instead, that it had been the view of "legal advisers", Sir Robert said that the advice was based on two matters: "First, that we did not have a text the possession of which the Government was prepared to admit, and second, we had not been able to identify with sufficient particularity and certainty the sources of confidential information on which the book was apparently based."

Later, when asked about the meeting at which the decision

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Ridley in rate grants switch

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

The Home Counties received an early Christmas present from the Government last night when Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, promised extra cash which will prevent huge rate rises.

His revised rate support grant proposals follow the threat of a Commons revolt by up to 70 Conservative MPs who claimed the original programme would penalize thrifty Conservative-run local authorities and land ratepayers in Tory heartlands with massive bills.

Most shire counties will benefit from the new allocations. Surrey will get an extra £8 million in grant, Hertfordshire almost £7 million more than first announced.

Mr Ridley has switched cash to the Conservative strongholds at the expense of mainly Labour-controlled areas. Birmingham will lose £31 million, Derbyshire £12 million, and Cleveland £13 million.

Mr Ridley said new data, together with a "substantial number of representations" from Conservative MPs, had persuaded him to revise his plans.

The total grant to councils remains unchanged at £12.8 billion.

Conservative MPs who had been at the forefront of the planned rebellion were delighted.

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Check on race for jobless

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Government is planning to monitor the racial backgrounds of all those on the unemployment register.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Employment, disclosed last night that he is hoping to set up pilot schemes in Leeds, Nottingham and Birmingham in the New Year, with a view to extending the scheme nationwide if those pilots are successful.

He told *The Times* that monitoring would enable the Government to gauge the extent of unemployment amongst blacks and Asians; the degree to which these minorities were helped by general Government employment schemes; and whether specially-targeted schemes were needed.

Leeds and Birmingham are already among the eight Task Force areas set up by the Government in February, in which Mr Clarke is seeking particularly to alleviate black and Asian unemployment through "gentlemen's agreements" with contractors who would be expected to take on local labour in return for Government contracts.

Mr Clarke emphasized that no-one on the unemployment register would be obliged to take part in the monitoring, and that no personal records would be kept. People would simply be counted in the categories Afro-Caribbean, Asian and "others".

The Commission for Racial Equality has backed the scheme at national level.

BCal buys long-range US jets for £700m

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A £700 million order for nine American-built MD-11 long-range jets has been placed by British Caledonian, making it the launch customer for the aircraft.

Although British Caledonian had formally been evaluating both the McDonnell Douglas MD-11 and the proposed European-built A340 airbus, in which Britain has a 20 per cent stake, the airbus was quickly rejected by the independent airline.

British Aerospace, which hopes to build the airbus wings, described the decision as "unsurprising".

A senior BA official said: "We never believed that BCal would be among the first customers for the A340 because it plainly does not fit their requirements."

The MD-11 is an extended version of the existing DC-10, mainstay of the BCal long-haul fleet, more than 400 of which have been sold around the world. It will carry up to

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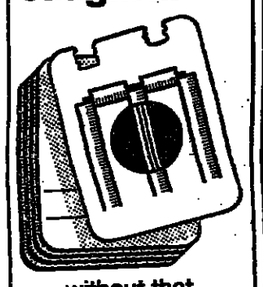

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Portfolio Gold

● **The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mr T. Lane of Christchurch, Dorset. Details, page 3.**
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P&O bid talks

P & O and European Ferries are holding merger talks after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission cleared a takeover bid valuing European Ferries at more than £300 million

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Tour called off

A South African public school has arrived in England for a series of rugby matches in the wake of a decision to call off a tour by the Hedgehogs, a university team from the Republic

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Hidden boon

Self-employment may be a hidden boon for over-45s in the job market and for the organizations for which they perform services, says the introduction to today's seven-page General Appointments section

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Mrs Mandela pelted by blacks

Cape Town (Reuter) – Mrs Winnie Mandela, the black nationalist leader, was pelted with rubbish and soft drink cans by angry blacks yesterday as she left the trial of a friend who had been convicted of murder, eye-witnesses said.

About 200 blacks were said to have thrown rubbish and sand at Mrs Mandela, wife of the nationalist leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, who is serving a life sentence. She was trying to slip out of the Cape Town Supreme Court by a back entrance.

She was attending the trial of Lindi Mangaliso, who had been convicted along with two hired killers of murdering her husband Victor, a businessman in Cape Town's Guguletu township.

The court was hearing evidence in mitigation before passing sentence. The case has aroused passions in the black township and the crowd appeared angry that Mrs Mandela, a woman of international standing, was associating with an unpopular figure.

Witnesses said Mrs Mandela, aged 51, was aware of simmering anger

The witnesses said Mrs Mandela, normally treated with adulation in black townships, remained cool throughout the incident

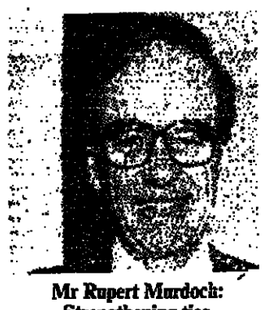
Murdoch buys 'family' newspaper

By Our City Staff

Mr Rupert Murdoch, whose News Corporation media group publishes *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *The News of the World*, is bidding Aus$1.8 billion (£818 million) for the Herald and Weekly Times company, the biggest Australian television, newspaper and radio station group.

On one level, the move strengthens Mr Murdoch's ties with the country where he was born and from where he built up a global communications empire that now stretches across Europe and the United States. However, Mr Murdoch also has a far closer and more personal association with the Melbourne-based company – it was managed, and its destiny shaped, for many years by his father, Sir Keith Murdoch.

Sir Keith Murdoch: 'a fine journalist'



Mr Rupert Murdoch: Strengthening ties

Before taking charge of the H&WT group, Sir Keith achieved an impressive reputation as a journalist. "He was a fine journalist whose career was distinguished by his disclosures about that gory piece of British bungling, the Galipoli campaign," wrote one follower of the Australian press.

After laying down his pen, he built H&WT into the strongest and most successful newspaper group in Australia through astute purchases and an acute sense of popular taste for bright and interesting newspapers.

This may raise the question of why Mr Murdoch junior had to pay so much for H&WT yesterday – having failed once before to take control in 1979 – instead of simply inheriting the company when his father died in 1962. In fact, it was not generall y known that Sir Keith owned no more than a nominal number of shares in H&WT which could give his son no managerial influence over the group on his death.

Most of Sir Keith's fortune was in other operations, particularly the *Adelaide News*, which formed the springboard of what is today the News Corporation.

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Maze escapers returned to face charges

Brendan McFarlane and Gerard Kelly were remanded in custody on charges connected with the mass escape from the Maze prison in 1983 when they appeared at court in Lisburn, Co Antrim yesterday afternoon, about three hours after their return to Northern Ireland on extradition from the Netherlands.

McFarlane, aged 35, and Kelly, aged 33, were flown to Belfast's Aldergrove airport.

Jointly, the two men each face seven charges of imprisoning seven prison officers on the day of the escape.

The magistrate remanded the two men, who were both serving life sentences for terrorist offences, to appear at Belfast Magistrates Court on Friday.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Police officers in conduct inquiry

The independent Police Complaints Authority is to supervise an investigation into possible criminal conduct by some Derbyshire police officers during an audit hearing into alleged overspending by Mr Alfred Parrish, the former Chief Constable.

Mr Alan Elliott, an assistant chief constable of the West Midlands, is to conduct the police investigation into statements made during the District Auditor's public hearing which started last month in Matlock, Derbyshire, into alleged irregularities involving alterations costing £28,000 to Mr Parrish's office at Ripley.

Gay books protest

An official complaint about the open display of explicit homosexual and lesbian literature in a public library has been sent to the left-wing London borough council of Brent by Dr Rhodes Boyson, the Local Government Minister and MP for Brent North.

In a letter to Brent's chief executive, Dr Boyson said that given the spread of Aids, the exhibition of such material threatened the survival of society. He added that he had received repeated complaints from local parents about the display of the homosexualliterature in a library in Carlton Avenue West in his constituency.

Driver guilty

Carey Styles, aged 48, of Tobruk Road, Huyton, Liverpool, the driver of a coach which crashed on the M6 motorway near Birmingham last year killing three people, was yesterday found guilty of careless driving by magistrates at Solihull.

Keith Weston, aged 35, of Windslow Mews, Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, a lorry driver involved in the accident, was also convicted of careless driving.

MPs stop libel case

Two Tory MPs yesterday withdrew a libel action in the High Court against Mr Philip Pedley, former chairman of the Young Conservatives.

A Young Conservatives' report provided the source for allegations in the BBC *Panorama* programme for which Mr Neil Hamilton, MP for Tatton, Cheshire, and Mr Gerald Howarth, MP for Cannock and Burtonwood, were awarded damages and costs totalling £280,000 in a libel action.

Tory MP on bail

Mr Tom Arnold (right), a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, was remanded on bail until January 7 when he appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, central London, yesterday.

Mr Arnold, aged 39, of Pimlico, MP for Hazel Grove, Greater Manchester, was accused of driving with excess alcohol in Trafalgar Square last Tuesday night.

He is alternatively charged with driving while unfit on the same occasion.

Probe into Militant

Mr David Hughes, the Labour Party national agent, is to visit Blyth Valley on December 18 to investigate claims of Militant infiltration and intimidation of moderate activists and alleged irregularities in the conduct of constituency business.

The probe has been launched at the instigation of Mr John Ryman, the MP for the Northumberland mining seat, who has threatened to resign and force a by-election in which he will stand on an anti-Militant platform unless an urgent inquiry is begun.

Demystifying the Civil Service on TV

By Michael Evans
Whitehall Correspondent

The Civil Service has opened its doors to television cameras to reveal how the "chosen few" are recruited to become the high-fliers destined for the top jobs.

In an attempt to show that not all recruits come from public schools and Oxbridge, the BBC has been allowed to film the selection process for the 100 or so jobs allocated each year, to graduates, for the "fast stream" in the Civil and diplomatic services.

These are the recruits expected to reach assistant secretary level or above in their careers.

This year, for the first time, less than half of the graduate candidates for the "fast stream" come from Oxford and Cambridge.

The candidates are put through a gruelling interrogation by a panel that includes a businessman and an academic as well senior Civil Servants.

Yesterday, Mr Dennis Trevelyan, the principal Civil Service Commissioner, said he hoped that the televised interviews would not put off potential recruits. "I thought it was time we de-mystified the Civil Service selection process," he said.

The first of two programmes, part of BBC2's *40 Minutes* series, is scheduled for tonight. It shows candidates being given a hard time by the final selection board. Two candidates, both of whom, as it happens, came from Oxbridge but with different family backgrounds, are frequently lost for words in the panic to answer the questions intelligently at the final interview.

The two victims of the grilling are Louise Alliott, applying to join the diplomatic service and Timothy Cooke, seeking to enter the Home Civil Service.

Louise, who went to Charterhouse and Cambridge, and is the daughter of a solicitor and farmer, succeeds, even though she failed to solve the Middle East crisis during her 30-minute interrogation.

Tim, aged 25, who went to a state school and Oxford, and worked for the Greater London Council until its demise this April, fails, mainly because he gets on his high horse about the "immorality" of nuclear power.

The panel went for Louise's "outstanding personality" and gave her the benefit of the doubt, in spite of worries expressed by the businessman, Mr David Hunter-Johnston, of Transoceanic Trust, that she had an "alarming" lack of basic intelligence.

After Tim Cooke's argument over nuclear power, with Mr Hunter-Johnston, he came out, still being filmed, cursing his luck and said to another candidate waiting for interview: "I asked him if he would live next door to a nuclear power station, but the bastard said yes".

Compromise on teachers' pay will be put to Baker

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

One of the teaching unions which signed the recent Acas deal with the education authorities has put together a compromise package aimed at solving the apparent impasse between the Government and the local authority employers.

The Professional Association of Teachers, whose 36,000 members are bound never to strike, will put its revised plans to Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, at a meeting next Thursday.

If the association receives encouragement for the blueprint, Mr Peter Dawson, the union's general secretary, will seek an appointment with the employers' leader, Mr John Pearman.

The initiative is a controversial attempt to find a middle way between two divergent views on structuring teachers' pay. Mr Baker wants five "incentive posts" for senior staff and good teachers on top of a basic salary scale ranging from £7,900 to £12,700.

The local authorities have only two promotion allowances in their deal but higher salaries in the main professional grade, which ranges from £9,700 to £15,058. Moreover, the Acas package is costed at about £690 million to March 1988, compared with the £608 million which the Government has proposed.

Providing its national council approves the new model at a meeting on Saturday, the association will present Mr Baker with a plan which will include four promotion posts worth £1,000, £1,500, £3,000 and £4,000, and a main professional grade which starts at £9,500 and ends at £14,000.

Furthermore, in providing promotion allowances for about 45 per cent of teachers, tha association believes it could be satisfactory to Mr Baker. His deal provides such posts for 50 per cent of the teaching profession compared with the 23 per cent contained in the Acas deal.

The union hopes to attract support from other unions whose members are voicing anxieties about compressed differentials.

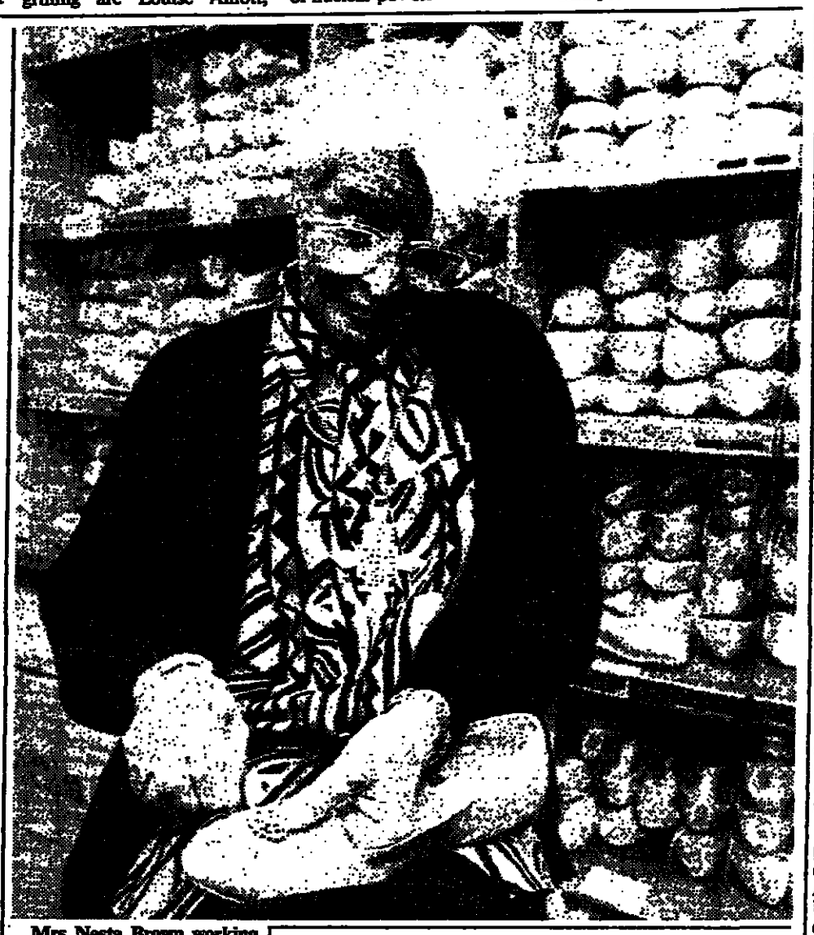
However, it is almost certain to be rejected by the two largest unions. The National Union of Teachers has said it will not accept more allowances at the expense of the main salary grades, while a ceiling of £14,000 would be dismissed out of hand by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

Moreover, the employers are likely to take a dim view of proposing new ideas at a time when unions members are being consulted about the original deal.

All six unions are either balloting or consulting their members with results expected from most of them by the middle of next week.

Mr Pearman has arranged a meeting on December 19 at which he says both sides must agree on a final position

Mr Baker has said he will impose his own contract on pay and conditions if a satisfactory settlement is not forthcoming by early 1987.



Mrs Nesta Brown working in the Royal Opera House ballet shoe room where she describes her working conditions as "like a prison".

She looks forward to big improvements in facilities and space when renovation plans go ahead in the spring, if the Royal Opera wins planning permission.

About £24 million will have to be raised from benefactors to remove outdated equipment, backstage, and provide better working conditions and storage space.

Dressing rooms will have modern facilities and Mrs Brown will not have to descend to an outside hut to fetch shoes.

(Photograph: John Manning).

Hurd acts to curb crossbow menace

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday signalled the beginning of a clampdown on the availability of crossbows (Nicholas Wood writes).

He said he would urge traders not to sell the weapons to people under the age of 17 and he would like to give his appeal the backing of law.

In the absence of an early opportunity for Government legislation, ministers would "look favourably" on a private member's Bill, he said.

Mr Hurd's announcement came in a written answer to Miss Janet Fookes, the Conservative MP for Plymouth Drake, who has campaigned for curbs on crossbows for the past 10 years.

She said the Home Secretary's decision was "a step in the right direction".

Figures collected by some police forces show that in the year to last April there were 115 offences involving crossbows.

Thatcher blasts Labour on defence

By Peter Davenport
Defence Correspondent

Labour's non-nuclear defence policies would seriously affect the ability of the United Kingdom to deter aggression and would leave the country open to intimidation, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

They would be dangerous, wholly ineffective in convincing the Soviet leadership of the risks inherent in aggression and would increase the risks of conflict.

Mrs Thatcher returned to the attack on Labour's plans in an interview, published yesterday, with the magazine *Jane's Defence Weekly*.

Her comments reinforced those of Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, to *The Times* earlier this week in response to allegations being made by Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader, on his visit to the United States, where he is trying to convince American politicians that his policies will not weaken British commitment to Nato.

She was asked how she viewed Labour's unilateralist defence policy and the party's intent to pursue a non-provocative posture.

Nato, Mrs Thatcher said, was purely a defensive alliance and none of its weapons would ever be used except in response to an attack. The flexibility of response through the full range of weapons capabilities, from conventional to theatre and strategic nuclear forces, was a key element of the strategy.

The Soviet Union should never have the option of escalating an attack to a level at which it might calculate there was no credible Nato response.

"That is why Labour Party policies of unilateral nuclear disarmament and removal of American nuclear bases in the United Kingdom would be so dangerous. They would seriously affect our ability to deter aggression and prevent intimidation."

● Two former Labour Foreign Ministers also attacked Labour's unilateral policy last night as threatening the future of Nato (Sheila Gunn writes).

Lord Stewart of Fulham, Foreign Secretary in the Wilson Government, said: "We are twisting and distorting the strategy of Nato and imposing a very heavy burden on our allies."

In stronger terms Lord Chalfont, a former Foreign Minister, accused Labour of gambling with the safety of the the West by opting for unilateral disarmament.

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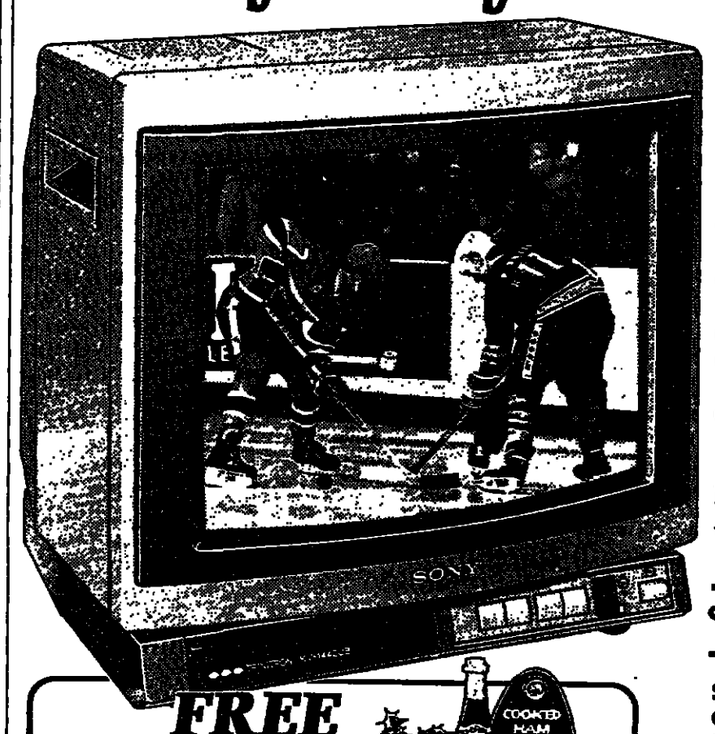

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Paper silent on dismissals

By Michael McCarthy

Reticence was heavy in the air yesterday at the Communist *Morning Star* newspaper, chief scourge of *The Times* and the other News International titles over their move to Wapping, as details emerged of the paper's own dismissal of a quarter of its printworkers.

Thirty-six members of Sogat '82, the National Graphical Association and the engineering union have been made redundant at the paper because of a severe cash crisis threatening its future.

The redundancies were reported in yesterday's *Morning Star*. The paper said: "The departments selected for redundancy are those which are uneconomic because of the wage relationship to hours worked".

The bland language hides a remarkable truth: that even the paper which is the greatest champion of the traditional print unions has itself had to resort, for its own survival, to dismissal rather than negotiation when faced with traditional working practices.

The printers concerned, it was reported elsewhere yesterday, earned £600 a week and actually worked only 45 minutes of their nightly eight-hour shift. When asked to perform contract printing work during the seven hours they were idle they refused unless they were paid extra and were dismissed.

The *Morning Star* was not keen publicy to acknowledge this yesterday, much less discuss it, surprising perhaps in a paper which champions the Campaign For Press and Broadcasting Freedom.

The Times attempted to contact the editor, Mr Tony Chater. The switchboard operator spoke to his secretary and was told: "Mr Chater has made a statement to the Press Association and is not taking any press calls".

The switchboard operator said: "I've just tried to put another paper through and he wouldn't take that".

Five minutes later, after ascertaining that no statement had been made to the Press Association besides the original one announcing the redundancies on Tuesday night, *The Times* rang back to ask if one simple question could be put to Mr Chater: How, in essence, was the situation at the *Morning Star* different from the situation at Wapping?

The switchboard operator said: "How is the situation at the *Morning Star* different from the situation at Wapping? Just a minute."

After another minute this helpful lady said: "Hello love? Dave Whitfield, the assistant editor, is going to type something out and if you hold on I'm to read it to you".

After yet a further minute she said: "Are you there, love? Oh dear, look. Now I've been told we're not to make any comment to anyone from Wapping. All right ? "

The redundancy terms offered have caused considerable ill-feeling among the dismissed men. They have been offered one month's notice, with one week's pay for every year of service, in line with the Government minimum.

The 5,100 printworkers dismissed after going on strike when Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International moved its four papers, including *The Times*, to its new plant at Wapping, east London, have been offered a month's pay for every year of service.

Times not stocked by 2 councils

Only two local authorities are not providing *The Times* in public libraries after the High Court ruling last month that such bans are unlawful.

They are the London boroughs of Brent and Newham. Brent is maintaining the ban introduced in June, while Newham has rescinded the ban in theory, but has withdrawn all newsprint and newspaper publications while it "reviews its newspaper provision" policy.

Mr R P Brenton, Newham's director of leisure services, said yesterday that the review was being carried out by elected members who had been nominated by a full meeting of the council.

Mr Brenton said he did not know if *The Times* and the other banned News International titles – *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *The News of The World* – would be restocked after the review is completed next Wednesday.

More than twenty councils originally banned News International titles.

£645 fine for illegal trader

A man who admitted 15 summonses of illegal street trading was fined a total of £645 with £60 costs at Wells Street magistrates yesterday.

But Mr David Singleton, the magistrate, told him that if he pays £10 a week until February 6 the rest of the payments may be remitted.

John Bishop, of Lorimer Square, Walworth, south London, admitted 15 summonses of illegal street trading at Leather Lane market, High Holborn, central London, between August 4 and September 26.

Bishop had been seen selling leather goods from a small stall in a non-designated area.

Mr James Clark, of Redriff Road, Plaistow, north London, who faces 11 summonses of illegal street trading at the same market, had his case adjourned until December 30. He was arrested after a purge by Camden council.

The Reith Lectures

'Bill of Rights has dangers'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The dangers of a Bill of Rights, which would involve a shift of power from elected and accountable MPs to judges who are not, were highlighted by a High Court judge last night.

Lord McCluskey, solicitor general for Scotland under the last Labour government, said: "Why it should be supposed that elderly lawyers with cautious and backward-looking habits of thought are qualified to overrule the judgements of democratically elected legislators as to what ... is justified I do not profess to understand".

To transfer such power to a body of professional specialists is to abdicate "a real measure of democratic responsibility," he said.

He also warned that such a Bill would encourage "single issue fanatics" like the American prohibitionists in the 1920s.

His comments, made in his fifth Reith Lecture on Radio 4, come just days before a renewed attempt next week in the Commons to introduce a charter of rights in this country through incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into United Kingdom law.

Sir Edward Gardner, QC, chairman of the home affairs select committee, will introduce his Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Bill on December 10 – Human Rights Day.

Lord McCluskey said that one of the main arguments in favour of entrenching rights in a charter was that they could not be disturbed by a temporary political majority in power for five or 10 years.

But the other side of that coin was that it also enabled a particular coalition of interest groups, who managed to win a sufficient majority at the time the charter was enacted, to ensure their special interest was entrenched as a right.

An example was the eighteenth amendment to the American constitution introducing prohibition, Lord McCluskey added, which was seen as the crowning achievement of those wanting to save the republic from "the corrupting effects of alcohol, the saloon and the movies and all sins robbing it of its purity".

Such a right in future could not be altered by Parliament, he said.

A Bill of Rights was not the "gateway to the promised land", he said. The question was whether it was necessary and whether its advantages outweighed its disadvantages for the UK.

It would be hard to argue that such Bills succeed in preserving the fundamental rights of citizens in countries where they exist more than the ordinary law as applied in the UK, he said.

Thatcher blasts Labour on defence

By Peter Davenport
Defence Correspondent

Labour's non-nuclear defence policies would seriously affect the ability of the United Kingdom to deter aggression and would leave the country open to intimidation, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

They would be dangerous, wholly ineffective in convincing the Soviet leadership of the risks inherent in aggression and would increase the risks of conflict.

Mrs Thatcher returned to the attack on Labour's plans in an interview published yesterday with the magazine *Jane's Defence Weekly*.

Her comments reinforced those of Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, to *The Times* earlier this week in response to allegations being made by Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader, on his visit to the United States, where he is trying to convince American politicians that his policies will not weaken British commitment to Nato.

She was asked how she viewed Labour's unilateralist defence policy and the party's intent to pursue a non-provocative posture.

Police 'more likely to side with wife-beater than battered woman'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A policeman called to a domestic dispute is more likely to side with the wife-beater than the battered woman, it was claimed yesterday.

The London Police Monitoring and Research Group, funded by nine left-wing London boroughs, calls for instant police intervention, better police training, more women judges and better-funded women's refuges.

It says rape within marriage should be outlawed and wife-beating made grounds for eviction in council tenancy agreements.

In a briefing paper, the group says that more than 1,000 London women become victims of violence in the home each week and argues that "undue expectations" have been raised over the power of civil injunctions to prevent abuses.

"The police will not enforce an injunction unless there is a power of arrest attached - even then they rarely arrest the offending man.

"This is despite the fact that police inaction can, and has, led to the death of the woman at the hand of the man concerned."

A woman who had showed a letter to a police officer warning that a man had assaulted her was later murdered by him, the paper said. The officer did not read the letter fully, saw the man off the premises and left.

Later that night the man returned, the woman jumped out of the first-floor window to escape him and he killed her in the back garden.

The report says: "This horrifying case clearly illustrates the limitation of domestic violence proceedings and emphasizes the need for the police to take positive action to protect the woman.

"A policeman is more likely to identify with the wife-beating man than the besieged woman", the document says.

The paper criticizes the lack of reliable information gathered by Scotland Yard on domestic violence, which "inevitably affects provision and planning, and militates against effective prevention, thereby exposing more women to further risk".

It recommends that independent rather than dependent status should be given to immigrant women, domestic violence law should be extended to non-cohabitating men, non-physical molestation should become grounds for arrest, and injunctions should be widened to restrain third parties acting on behalf of the offending man.

The paper also says the granting of injunctions should be speeded up and domestic violence made a consideration in child access cases.

The police reluctance to make use of the criminal law to deal with domestic violence defined that violence as less criminal than violence outside the home. Rather than arresting the man, the police tended either to ignore evidence of injuries or to define them as common assault.

Preliminary results of the *Islington Crime Survey* by Middlesex Polytechnic Centre of Criminology in 1985 showed a high level of violence. In the attacks, 92 per cent of women were punched or slapped; 57 per cent were kicked.

In 22 per cent of incidents weapons were used, ranging from bottles and glasses to knives, scissors, sticks, clubs and other blunt objects.

The inadequacy of police recording practices was shown in a specially commissioned analysis of the serious assault figures in England and Wales for 1984. According to the Metropolitan Police working party on domestic violence, only 360 out of 19,002 serious assaults were recorded between spouses.

Yet in 1984 more than 4,500 women convinced the courts that they had been physically injured and were in serious danger of being attacked by their husbands and partners. Most of the men were never charged.

Miss Jo Richardson, Labour MP for Barking, said yesterday there were estimated to be at least 100,000 cases of domestic violence a year in London alone. She would certainly be looking closely at the need for new legislation.

The report is to be sent to the Lord Chancellor, Home Secretary and Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

● Mr Don Cassidy, executive director of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, said in Ottawa yesterday that coping with domestic violence represented a "large factor" in Canadian policing operations (John Best writes).

Society's concern had grown noticeably in the past three or four years, driven partly by the efforts of women's groups to draw attention to it.

Law enforcement authorities had responded in a number of ways. Police were now not so reluctant to intervene in family violence, and dealing with such disputes was now part of their training. Professional actors were sometimes used as role models.

In some larger cities several police patrol cars carried, in addition to policemen, qualified social workers capable of dealing with situations involving family violence.

A tormented Anthony Hopkins, who plays the lead role in *King Lear*, during a dress rehearsal for the production directed by David Hare, which opens at the National Theatre's Olivier Theatre in London on December 11 (Photograph: Nobby Clark)

Puzzle over Aids infection

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The husband and youngest child of a woman who died from Aids two months ago are also carriers of the infection, a medical investigation has disclosed.

Doctors are trying to discover whether the woman was infected during a blood transfusion five years ago, or whether the disease was transmitted sexually between her and her husband.

They are also hoping to establish whether the couple's baby son was infected during pregnancy or after he was born.

The woman died two months ago in Newcastle upon Tyne general hospital. Her husband and their son, aged 23 months, were tested and found to be seropositive for traces of the virus, but have no symptoms of the disease.

The possible explanations are that a contaminated blood transfusion caused the woman's infection; that the husband was infected first and transmitted the virus sexually to his wife, without showing symptoms of the disease; that the wife was infected from a previous sexual partner and passed the virus to her husband.

Details of the case were reported yesterday in *The Journal*, the Newcastle newspaper, but names of the family were not disclosed.

The report said that the woman was given blood from two separate donors when she gave birth to her first son five years ago, three years before her marriage. That child has not been infected.

One of the donors has been traced and and cleared of being a carrier, but the other has moved home and not yet been contacted.

The husband was reported as saying that he now realized the truth of the government publicity campaign that everyone was at risk from Aids.

● Nottingham Health Authority is to appoint an Aids liaison officer, on a £12,500 a year salary.

The officer will be expected to develop a public information and education strategy to halt the spread of the virus.

Siege man admits he killed woman

A man had a "considerable change of heart" at the Central Criminal Court yesterday and admitted killing a young mother and severely wounding her daughter, aged four, during a siege.

Errol Walker, aged 29, admitted the manslaughter of Jackie Charles, aged 22, but still denied murdering her.

He also changed his plea and admitted other charges of seriously wounding Mrs Charles's daughter Carlene during the 29-hour siege at a council flat in Poynters Gardens, Northolt, west London, last Christmas.

Mr Justice Alliott told the jury: "There obviously has been a very considerable change of heart by the defendant".

The prosecution said that it needed until today to decide whether it could accept his plea of manslaughter. The decision will be based on psychiatric evidence.

Walker had spent two days listening to evidence that he stabbed Mrs Charles and then tortured her daughter during the siege.

The daughter's ordeal at knifepoint was ended when police stormed into the flat, shot Walker in the head and rescued her, the prosecution has told the court.

When Walker appeared in court yesterday Mr Christopher Barnett, for the defence, asked for the charges to be put again.

In a faltering, almost inaudible voice Walker said he was not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter and then went on to admit three charges of wounding the girl, causing her grievous bodily harm, falsely imprisoning her and threatening to kill.

He still denies attempting to murder the girl.

Mr Julian Bevan, for the prosecution, has said that Walker, of Tachbrook Road, Southall, west London, took Carlene and her mother hostage while searching for his wife, Marlene.

Police officers first saw Carlene's mother hurled from the window, dying form stab wounds. Walker then turned on the terrified child. Police officers saw him hack the girl's fingers with a knife, Mr Bevan said. "Blood was pouring from her wounds. Although obviously very frightened she did not scream."

The trial continues today.

Portfolio —Gold—

Checking confirms windfall

Yesterday's outright winner of the £4,000 Portfolio Gold prize, Mr Tom Lane, of Stourway, Christchurch, Dorset, had to check his wife's calculations after she had added up the numbers on the winning card three times and still thought she might have got the total wrong. "My arithmetic is so bad", she said.

The Lanes have been regular Portfolio players since the competition began. They plan to use part of their winnings for their first holiday in two years, which they will spend with their children, aged 15 and 12.

The couple are both aged 38 and Mr Lane is a self-employed manufacturer's agent.

Mrs Jane Lane said yesterday: "I have been spending the money in my head and telling myself to calm down ever since breakfast time. It will be nice to have the extra cash for Christmas as well as the holiday."

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Mr Tom Lane, planning a family holiday.

Man bites thief

Gabarone (Reuter) – Police said a Botswana householder acted in self-defence when he bit off a burglar's ear.

Weak beer fails test for taste

By Robin Young

Low-alcohol lagers and wines do not taste much like the real thing, according to this month's issue of the Consumers' Association magazine, *Which?*, published today.

Lager drinkers who tried 11 low-alcohol versions of the brew could tell the difference between them and the standard product in two out of every three cases, *Which?* found.

Wine experts found the low-alcohol brands they sampled unexciting, and some said they would prefer to drink fruit juice or even tap water.

The low-alcohol drinks which won most approval were Swan Special Light and Dansk LA among the lagers and Masson Light White and Eisberg White among the wines.

Drinkers could consume 22 times as much low-alcohol wine as ordinary wine before reaching the same level of alcohol intake.

Four cans of the preferred low-alcohol lagers were roughly equivalent to one standard can.

Which? also attacksthe chocolates you buy this Christmas, saying they could be last year's leftovers because they do not have to be date-marked. The magazine is also dissatisfied that the ingredients of chocolates do not have to be declared in the same way as most foods.

Which? says that all ingredients, including any additives, should be listed, and a 'best before' date provided on all pre-packed chocolate

Liberty to shop in peace

By David Cross

Readers of *The Times* will have a second chance to avoid the usual crush of Christmas shopping when Liberty stores around the country open their doors especially for them next Tuesday night.

A spokeswomen for Liberty said yesterday that the first *Times* shopping night, held last Tuesday, was an unqualified success. Before the Regent Street branch opened at 6.30 pm, the queue of shoppers stretched twice round the block. The store had sold as many goods in the two-and-a-half hours which followed as it would during an entire Christmas shopping day.

Despite the crowds, which thinned out as the evening wore on, it was all rather elegant, said Jane MacQuitty, *The Times* Wine Correspondent, who was signing copies of her *Pocket Guide to Champagne and Sparkling Wine* in the store.

A wind quintet from the Chelsea Symphony Orchestra played in the silk department and a harpist entertained buyers in the fashion section as shoppers sipped glasses of free wine.

Shona Crawford Poole, *The Times* Cookery Correspondent, spent the evening signing copies of *The New Times Cook Book*.

During the evening, the company's nine stores around the country gave away 1½ tons of rose-scented soap and 578 gallons of wine.

A shopper who spent £10,000 on gifts at the Regent Street store received 200 £5 gift vouchers.

New share service to go on trial

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A new telephone service which will tell Sid and the growing millions of stock market investors what their shares are worth is to go on trial.

Citycall Portfolio, which will provide an up-date of prices every 10 minutes, is to be tested by 50 to 100 shareholders.

The latest prices and movements of more than 1,700 shares will be continuously fed through a special computer. The information will then be converted into speech by a memory that contains prerecorded elements of speech – it is the latest advance in voice-processing technology being tested by British Telecom.

The subscriber will only need a touch tone telephone or a new device called an MF4 tone keypad that fits over the mouthpiece of a telephone to obtain the latest bulletin. Push buttons will be used to key in a password and a code identifying the person's portfolio.

During the trial period there will be no subscription charges. The only cost will be the telephone call, charged at 33p a minute between 8.00am and 6.00 pm and 22p a minute overnight and at weekends.

The Citycall financial information services were developed initially for professional and business organizations in the City, but they are being extended to cater for the widening population of investors.

The service is likely to be marketed early next year.

Lecturer accused of fraud

By Craig Seton

A senior lecturer with financial problems was able to withdraw $286,000 from a bank account which should have contained only $286, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

A bank in the United States made an error when transferring the $286, the court was told.

It was alleged that Mr Hamid Shadrokh-Cigari, aged 32, acted with "amazing speed and dishonesty" and used some of the money to order two Porsche cars, buy expensive TV and video equipment.

Mr James Pyke, for the prosecution, said that only a few thousand pounds had been recovered. Mr Shadrokh-Cigari, a lecturer in computer studies at Birmingham Polytechnic, was alleged to have hidden the money in a variety of bank and building society accounts.

Mr Shadrokh-Cigari, of Perry Common, Birmingham, denies obtaining £197,000 from the Midland Bank, by deception, and four charges of stealing bankers' drafts.

The trial continues today.

BBC unveils Christmas shows

EastEnders star in £17.5m package

The best-known public house in Britain is throwing open its doors on Christmas Day.

The Queen Vic in Albert Square will be featured in two episodes to give BBC viewers a double helping of the soap opera *EastEnders* during the day.

The double dose of *EastEnders* is part of the BBC's £17.5 million line-up of television programmes for the Christmas season, which also bring Noel Edmonds back on the screens live for the first time since the tragedy which ended his *Late Late Breakfast Show*.

In *Christmas Morning with Noel Edmonds* he will reunite families in Britain with loved ones in Australia. Noel will be in London's British Telecom Tower to link up with Melbourne and Sydney to bring families together – including those of some of England's cricket team.

Noel, whose *Late Late Breakfast Show* was scrapped when Mr Michael Lush, a viewer, died rehearsing a stunt, will also host a special celebrity edition of *Telly Addicts*. The current *Telly Addicts* series was recorded before the tragedy.

Mr Noel Edmonds: back on the BBC at Christmas.

Christmas Day also promises comedy from Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis in the last episode of *Just Good Friends*, David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst in a feature-length *Only Fools and Horses*, and Russ Abbot in his own show.

Joan Hickson will be back as Miss Marple in Agatha Christie's *Murder at the Vicarage*, and the Christmas Day fare also includes the British TV film premiere of *Educating Rita*, with Michael Caine and Julie Walters and the musical *Annie*.

The Queen's Christmas Broadcast will go out in the afternoon on BBC1 and be repeated later on BBC2 with subtitles and "signing" for the deaf.

Comedy is at the forefront with seasonal specials from Kenny Everett and Stanley Baxter, Christmas editions of *'Allo 'Allo*, *Hi-de-Hi!* and *In Sickness and in Health*, the start of a new series of the *Last of the Summer Wine*, and some of the Christmas classics of *Morecambe and Wise*.

BBC stars in their own programmes include Paul Daniels, Bob Monkhouse, Les Dawson, Jimmy Savile, Russell Harty and Roland Rat and Terry Wogan will be seen meeting *Dallas* stars Larry Hagman and Linda Gray.

Michael Crawford will bring his hit musical *Barnum* to TV screens, and viewers will be able to go to the celebrity dinner celebrating Sir Harry Secombe's 40 years in show business.

Drama on the two networks include Alan Ayckbourn's *Season's Greetings*, with Geoffrey Palmer and Anna Massey, Keith Waterhouse's *Slip-Up*, about Great Train Robber Ronnie Biggs and Hannah Gordon in an adaptation of a Thomas Hardy tale, *Day after Day*.

Feature films during the BBC's two-week festive season include *Tootsie*, with Dustin Hoffman, Steven Spielberg's *Poltergeist* and *1941*, Paul Newman in *The Verdict* and Meryl Streep in *Sophie's Choice*.

Music programmes will cater for a wide variety of tastes. Pavarotti's *Jubilee* will celebrate the tenor's 25 years at the top, an 80th birthday portrait of composer Aaron Copland will be screened, and there will be a ballet for Boxing Day – Onegin.

Seasonal music will also come from Aled Jones, James Galway and Val Doonican.

Esther Rantzen will continue her campaign against child abuse with a *Childwatch* update, and there will be a *Review of the Year* with Peter Snow.

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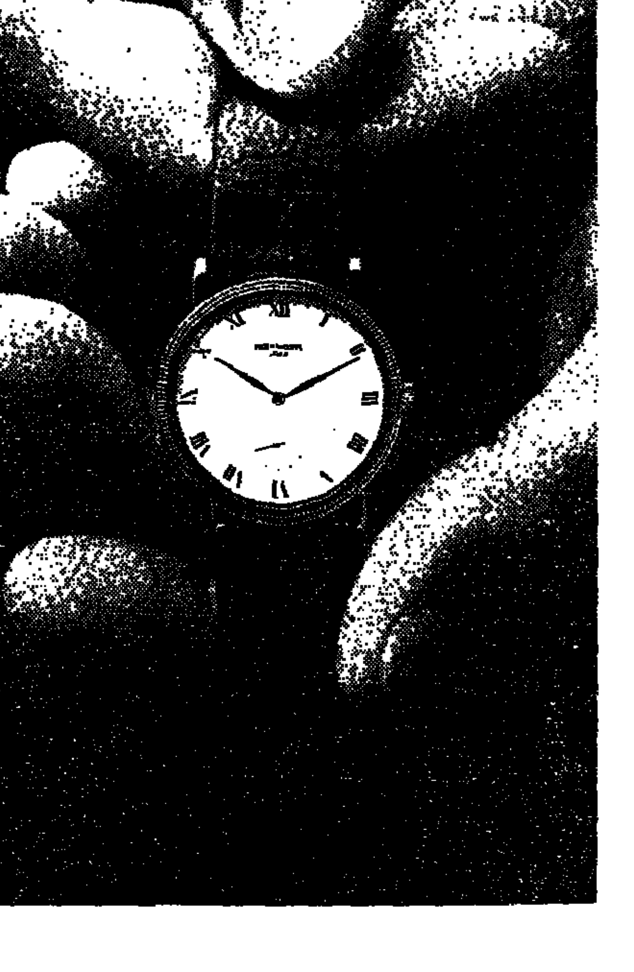

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Commission on security is called for by Owen

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In the light of the Peter Wright case, which was a damaging farce, the case for maintaining the old system of trusting ministers alone to scrutinize the security services was no longer sustainable, **Dr David Owen**, Leader of the SDP, said when opening an Alliance debate in the Commons.

He moved a motion calling for the appointment of a joint committee of both Houses, to be known as the Special Commission on the Security Services, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

He said that it was common ground that at a time of increased terrorist activity worldwide, and problems with East-West relations, Britain needed its security services.

Those services had to operate with a very high degree of secrecy and it was accepted that questioning on the floor of the House was an inappropriate mechanism for calling them to account.

But there was also a growing concern that it was no longer possible, with the degree of revelations occuring, for Parliament to remain the only forum not discussing the issues raised. It was a bizare situation in which the newspapers, television and radio were frequently discussing these issues in considerable detail and yet there was no mechanism for parliamentary scrutiny.

He was sorry that the Prime Minister was not in the chamber. It was Mrs Thatcher who, for very understandable reasons, in 1979 broke with the precedent of not revealing information about the security services. The situation was exceptional. The Blunt case was an issue on which the nation would not have accepted no discussion in the Commons.

But when Mrs Thatcher kept quoting past precedent she must face the fact that she was the first Prime Minister to reveal so much information on the floor of the House. More information was revealed when the Prime and Bettaney cases followed.

More and more people were realizing that the old system, of totally trusting the ministers concerned, was not going to satisfy either Parliament or the wider public.

There was now a very strong case for devising a mechanism so that the House could have confidence that the security services were being scrutinized while protecting the essential confidentiality and secrecy of much of their activity.

The special commission suggested in the motion was deliberately designed to involve members of both Houses. That had positive merit, given the range of experience represented in the Lords.

It would also allow for the commission to have a chairman who was not a party political figure, or somebody who was no longer in the front line of party politics, such as a former prime minister. It also meant that senior servicemen and civil servants could be included.

The commission members would be privy counsellors and, if an outsider was appointed, that person could be made a privy counsellor. The appointment of outsiders would go some way towards avoiding the charge that the people involved would only be those in the know or part of the club, and ensure a good deal of cross-party support.

The sooner such a commission was established, and it was only a question of when that would happen, the less they would see the divulgence of some quite serious information damaging to the security services. It would also avoid the abuse of the order paper by which individuals had been named in recent weeks.

Mr Raymond Whitney (Wycombe, C) asked how such a mechanism would have prevented the recruitment of Bettaney.

Dr Owen said he did not believe it would have prevented that, nor could it prevent some people indulging in treachery. The recruitment procedures at MI5 had been seriously defective but former prime ministers had tightened them up.

He had been advocating such a commission for years, and the motion was not purely and simply a response to the present anxieties.

In the Peter Wright case, it was common ground that Wright had betrayed the trust of those who employed him and betrayed the trust of this country and any government would have been extremely disturbed by his briefing Chapman Pincher for his book in 1981.

The Government ought to have been concerned about the Granada television programme in July 1984 which was a flagrant breach of Wright's agreements. Now Wright had gone on to write his own book. He wanted nothing be said today to underwrite Wright's book which was utterly disgraceful.

The Government had been under considerable pressure to take the court action in Sydney but those who supported that action were entitled to ask the Government why it did not take action against Peter Wright when they knew he was a prime source for Pincher's book in 1981.

Allegations had been made, most recently and clearly in *The Sunday Times*, about MI5 having gained posession of that book six weeks in advance of its publication by the use of illegal methods. Were they illegal methods? What sort of ministerial approval had to take place before MI5 could act illegally? Was such action given specific authorization by the then Home Secretary in this case?

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) asked how action could have been taken against Wright when he was living outside jurisdiction.

Dr Owen said it may have been difficult to take action against Wright immediately, but he had been in Britain since 1981. Indeed, in 1984 he appeared in the Granada television programme which was being repeated tonight. He was amazed that the programme was being allowed to go out without any form of challenge. Why did the then Home Secretary and the Prime Minister not take action? There was no doubt that Wright had been in Britain for the programme.

The word used most often to describe what had been happening in Sydney was farce. It had already damaged the reputation of a very senior and hitherto well respected senior civil servant, the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong.

It had not done the Government any good, though he did not believe the public would take it out on the Government in terms of party politics. He thought they were rather enjoying this running farce.

They were all sorry Mr Kinnock was not there and the absence of the Prime Minister was very revealing. Yesterday, Mrs Thatcher had given the impression that she was going to withdraw the normal rights of consultation with the Leader of the Opposition.

Although it was bizare that Mr Kinnock had got on the telephone to the defence counsel in a case involving the Crown, he was more of a fool than a knave, and it would be nieve and juvenile if the Prime Minister carried out her threat. It would be ludicrous to break that convention on such scant grounds.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, moved a government amendment saying the House had full confidence in the present arrangements whereby the security services were responsible to ministers.

He said he could not answer questions relating to the case in Australia. The Speaker had ruled that the case was not *sub judice* so far as the rules of the House were concerned, but so far as the Government was concerned it was *sub judice* under the Australian judge because the British Government was a plaintiff in his court.

Therefore, so long as the case remained before the Australian courts, and that might be some time yet, the Government must deny itself the opportunity of dealing with the extraordinary mass of stories to which the case had given rise.

There were many comments the Government would dearly like to make, faced with such a high proportion of nonsense, and one day it might be free to make them but, because of the continuing case, that day was not now.

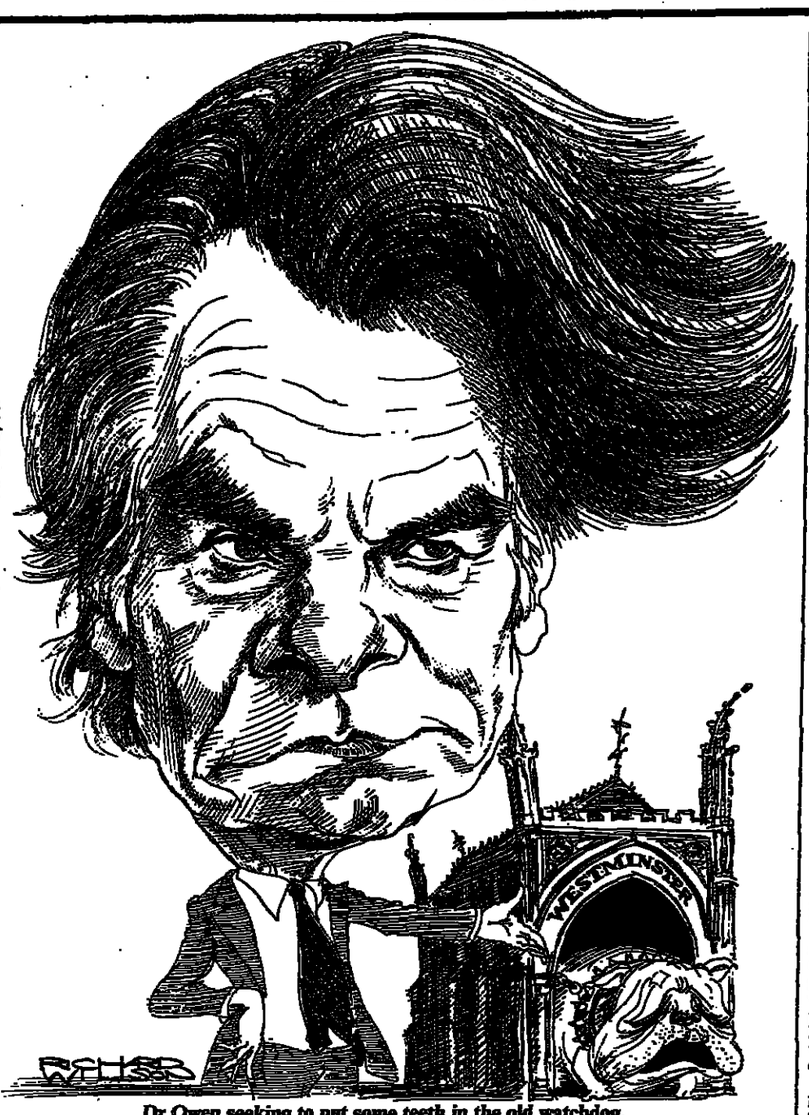
Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) asked what national interest was served by concealing from Parliament and the public the knowledge that the Prime Minister of the day, Mr Harold Wilson, had his offices and telephone intercepted and his homes burgled by the security services which were supposed to be accountable to him.

Mr Hurd said that that matter had been dealt with by Mr Wilson and others at the time.

Dr Owen accepted the need for a security service to protect Britain. He got a little weary with those worldly wise but ignorant people who argued that Britain no longer had secrets to protect and therefore no longer needed a security service. Risks remained and the security service was an essential part of the means by which the Government sought to protect the British people.

To be effective, the security services must be secretive.

There must also be a binding obligation on members of the security service for the whole of their lives not to disclose what was entrusted to them on a confidential basis. The interests of the nation as a whole might be damaged if an employee broke the confidentiality by which he knew he was bound.



Dr Owen seeking to put some teeth in the old watchdog.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Advance Petroleum Revenue Tax Bill, remaining stages.
Lords (3): Recognition of Trusts Bill, Ministry of Defence Police Bill, and Broadcasting Bill, second readings. Debate on proposed oil pipeline through the New Forest.

Iraqi soldiers get some UK training

IRAN-IRAQ

Some members of the Iraqi armed forces received training at Ministry of Defence establishments in the United Kingdom in each of the years 1981 to 1986, Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons questions. A small number of Iranian military personnel also received training at these establishments in the UK between 1981 and 1984.

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab): **On what moral principle has the Government's policy been based? Could he assure us that no further military personnel will be trained in this country from either Iran or Iraq and that he will investigate the activities of Jackob Nimrodi, who has a flat in London and, I understand, negotiates 80 per cent of Iran's imported arms procurement from an office in Victoria Street. Will he arrange for that office to be closed forthwith?**

Mr Renton: The training of military personnel in this country is done only in line with defence guidelines. It is essentially non-combat related.

On his last point, I have read these newspaper cuttings very carefully too and we have no evidence of any illegal activity in relation to the purchasing of arms either for Iran or Iraq through this country.

Such purchasing arrangements are not illegal. What would be illegal is to try to export without a licence. If there is any evidence of that being done it will be investigated immediately.

Mr Robert Jackson (Wantage, C): **Is it not in the interests of Britain and the West to seek to bring down the self-imposed barrier of isolation in Iran?**

Mr Renton: Yes. We will as a long-term objective seek to establish a better relationship with the Iranian Government.

Mr Ernest Ross (Dundee West, Lab): **What difference is there between America and Israel selling arms to both sides and us training personnel from both sides?**

Mr Renton: The numbers here have been extremely limited. Their training is essentially not combat-related and is only done in accordance with the very clear guidelines first put into effect in December 1984.

Sir John Farr (Harborough, C): **What evidence does he have that training in the use of very sophisticated weapons is taking place by other European countries and in particular France?**

Mr Renton: We are not responsible either for training in other countries.

What we urge — and this is part of the campaign in which we have taken part not least at the United Nations — is that all countries who are suppliers of military equipment to either side should exercise as strict guidelines as we do.

● Britain had taken the lead at the conference on disarmament in Geneva on seeking a worldwide ban on the production and storing of chemical weapons, Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

He was replying to Mr Ian Mikardo (Bow and Poplar, Lab), **who said that Britain should get together with its friends and allies to try to find some way of stopping or reducing the supply from Europe to Iran or Iraq of chemical weapons or equipment to make them.**

Third set of plans for rate support derided by Labour

RATE SUPPORT

A third set of proposals for calculating rate-support grant to local authorities for next year has been made necessary because the data on which the grant would be based have changed, **Mr Nicholas Ridley**, Secretary of State for the Environment, said when he answered Opposition criticisms about his change of mind.

Mr John Cunningham, Opposition spokesman on environment, said that the new basis for the grant was the result of a combination of Mr Ridley's ineptitude and of his desire to make a political pay-off to Conservative MPs with marginal seats. A Liberal accused him of gerrymandering, saying that he had introduced a new version of that device — Ridleymandering.

Mr Ridley, answering Mr Cunningham's request for a statement, said: In response to the proposals I made on October 3, and in the light of new information affecting the data on which the grant is distributed, I have today announced revised proposals on which I am consulting local authority associations.

Mr Cunningham: This is an unprecedented situation. No previous secretary of state has ever needed three consultative documents between July and December to make up his mind. It is an indictment of his incompetence.

It is an indictment of the appalling mess to which the Government has reduced local government finance. Why, when he only made his second proposals in October and gave local authorities barely three weeks to reply, does he now change his mind yet again?

What is the purpose of the proposed changes? Which authorities will benefit? The majority of authorities will lose by the new proposals. The reasons are a combination of his ineptitude and a political pay-off to his Tory friends in marginal seats.

When will we learn of the final decisions? Does he intend to abolish grant recycling which, according to the Treasury and Mr Ridley, will reduce grant to local authorities by at least £400 million next year. The result will be higher rates for many millions of families.

The whole sorry story makes nonsense of the bluster and bravado we had from him in July.

Mr Ridley: It is rich of Mr Cunningham to quote precedent when Mr Peter Shore (a former Secretary of State for the Environment) is there. Whenever he made proposals for the grant settlement, he came once, in December, to answer a written question saying what his decision was.

By contrast, this Government has consulted, has put forward a consultation paper on October 3 and listened to the results. I have now put forward further proposals and will listen to further representations.

What an extraordinary example he wishes me to follow — to slap it down in December without consultation. I cannot accept that. I shall make up my mind about the final settlement when I have listened to the representations which may be received after these proposals.

The Government is proceeding with plans to end recycling grant, as announced on July 22.

The reasons for the decision were the latest data on populations, capital allocations and expenditure in 1986-87 and about rateable values of authorities which make it clear that the basis of the October 3 settlement has been altered by the fact that the data had changed, making the authorities which did badly in October do even worse. It has been made necessary to correct the imbalance.

Mr John Heddle (Mid Staffordshire, C): His consultations with MPs over the past month have been much appreciated (Labour laughter).

Mr Ridley: I have tried to listen and to make the necessary changes. We shall be more than willing to hear any MP who wishes to make representations on behalf of his authority in the light of the new proposals.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L): This is a new form of gerrymander — the Ridleymander — buying votes where his friends would otherwise lose their seats by a system which they set up in 1980. The real reason is that Mr Ridley wants to know the outcome of the teachers' settlement before he knows what local authorities will require to spend for the forthcoming year.

Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C): I welcome his sensitive and flexible approach to this matter (more laughter).

Mr Ridley: It has not been a question of seeking to reward certain authorities and penalizing others. I have to operate within the 1980 Act and make sure that what I do is to distribute the grant in accordance with the formula, on the basis which is the best defensible.

Defence change 'peril'

Lord Thorneycroft, Secretary of State for Defence in the Macmillan Government, said it would be perilous to change drastically Britain's defence policy at this time. Since the Second World War there had been a consensus in Britain on defence and this had ensured peace.

Opening a debate in the House of Lords, he said: We have got to recognize, as all the main political parties have until now, that without the United States the defence of Europe would be virtually impossible. We have surely got to keep the American broadly with us.

He added that a change in policy could lead to Britain's being singled out for attack.

Lord Irving of Dartford, for the Opposition, said the Government, in buying Trident, was seeking to increase Britain's nuclear fire power by 800 per cent at a time when the superpowers were talking of a 50 per cent cut in nuclear weapons.

"I believe in the special relationship with the United States. But it must be based on a lot more than the tame acceptance of Mr Reagan's policies. The only way to avoid the risk of conflict is by comprehensive arms control and relying on conventional arms for our defence. This desire for nuclear disarmament is at the heart of Labour's defence policy."

Winter payments

Scheme 'has to be changed'

PENSIONERS

The following is a summary of Commons debates that appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

The Government's latest cold weather payments scheme must be changed while there was still time, **Mr Michael Meacher**, Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said while moving an Opposition motion calling for poor pensioners to be given a £5-a-week premium throughout the winter months.

In the past two winters the Government had tragically failed to exercise its power to prevent the needless deaths of many elderly people from hypothermia and cold-related conditions.

In the first three months of this year, 578 people died of hypothermia. Many extra deaths occurred as a result of cold-related respiratory and circulatory conditions.

"Hundreds of pensioners will die in this country because once again the steps the Government is taking are pathetically inadequate. Indeed they are almost derisory."

Severe weather payments would be made only when the temperature fell below minus 1.5 degrees Celsius over seven days from Monday to Sunday, as though the weather was neatly packaged into the convenient batches that nicely coincided with DHSS office hours.

Had that applied last year, no less than half the country would have been excluded. In February, when an estimated 7,000 elderly people died from cold, the average temperature was minus 0.9 degrees Celsius.

This was a pathetic little scheme. According to the Government's own figures, only about one in eight pensioners was likely to be able to claim once every five years and the few who were able to break through the bureaucracy would be given £5, which was only enough to heat one room for one or two days.

The Labour Party believed that a two-part programme was urgently called for. First, extra payments on a regular and automatic basis of £5 a week throughout the winter months for pensioners on supplementary benefit and for another million who were little better off.

Second, a big programme to improve home insulation and increase energy efficiency. That would greatly reduce ill health and improve the housing stock.

Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, moved a government amendment welcoming the considerable improvement in support with heating costs for vulnerable groups through the supplementary benefit scale rates, weekly heating additions and better targeted arrangements for help during periods of exceptionally cold weather.

He said that, despite what Mr Meacher had to say, the number of deaths in 1984-85 had been 638, last year it had been 634 and the average was 543. The highest figure in the past 10 years had in fact occurred in 1978-79 when 725 had been recorded, so the Government needed no lectures from the Opposition.

It was true that winter mortality rates among the elderly were proportionally higher in this country than others which also had hard winters, such as America and Sweden, but there had been a steady decline over the past 20 years.

Mr Meacher's winter premium looked as though it would cost another £150 million and possibly more. It had not been part of the Opposition's original list of absolute priorities in its September statement.

"Is it an absolute pledge, in which case it is another ring on Mr Hattersley's cash register? Or is it a pious hope, in which case Mr Meacher is deeply cynical?"

Mr Archy Kirkwood (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, L) said that the absolute temperature limit fixed was very low and too restrictive.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, said that houses were still being built without proper insulation. The Government could put that right and create about 50,000 jobs in the process.

Labour would introduce a statutory code of practice on gas and electricity disconnections.

The Opposition motion was rejected by 258 votes to 189 — Government majority, 69, and the Government amendment agreed to.

● During a debate on an Opposition motion on insider dealing, a Conservative MP, **Mr Timothy Smith** (Beaconsfield), who is a chartered accountant, called for an example to be made of a "big fish" of insider dealing by sending that person to prison.

Opening the debate, **Mr Robin Cook**, an Opposition spokesman, moved a motion expressing concern at the evidence of insider dealing in the financial markets and the low clear-up rate, and rejecting the Government's policy of City self-regulation.

He said that insider dealing was theft. The wealth in which the City dealt every day did not belong to the City.

The source of all its power and wealth was the contributions to pension funds made by millions of workers and the insurance premiums paid by millions of ordinary men and women.

Mr Michael Howard, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, moved a government amendment congratulating the City and the Government on their efforts against insider dealing.

He said that insider dealing had become an offence through the Companies Act, 1980, but it had not been an easy offence to prove. There was no lack of willingness to prosecute. The problem was meeting the high standard of proof required.

The Financial Services Act contained powers to investigate insider dealer which could, without exaggeration, be described as draconian.

Mr Alan Williams, for the Opposition, said that they were talking about crime on a massive and unprecedented scale that made the Great Train Robbers look like backstreet pickpockets.

Mr Howard said that the amount of information becoming available with the new technology would make it easier for the regulatory authority to identify and detect insider dealing. The Government now had sweeping and draconian powers which should enable it, as never before, to detect, investigate and punish instances of this offence.

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If this trend continues over the next few months it is bound to increase the pressure in the party for a late spring or summer election. It would also increase the sense of public expectation. A pre-election atmosphere would build up unless it was firmly checked.

But I wonder if this would be altogether to Mrs Thatcher's liking. She is by nature more cautious than many people suppose, determined rather than daring. I doubt if she will be instinctively inclined towards an early election.

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She needed a good deal of persuasion before agreeing to go to the country in June 1983, a year earlier than she had to, even though the party was particularly well placed.

The private Conservative opinion polls offer further encouragement but no conclusive guidance.

The Government seems to be making some headway in relieving public anxiety on education, though obviously Mrs Thatcher would want the teachers' dispute to be well out of the way before calling an election.

Health is evidently proving a more stubborn political problem. The Conservatives need a little more time to convince the country that the service really is safe in their hands.

These conflicting signs may well suggest that Mrs Thatcher would be wise to wait and see. But if she waits for too long without giving a clear signal she will find that she has put herself into a box.

Political leaders are usually acutely aware of the mistakes of their predecessors. Mrs Thatcher will need no reminding how Mr Callaghan suffered from postponing an election as the last minute in October 1978 after expectations had built up in the party and the country. She will want to avoid giving a similar impression of indecision.

This will present no problem if she does decide to go for an election next May or June. Nor will she have much difficulty if she rules that out in the first few months of next year. She could easily dampen expectation in good time by passing the word that an early election was not on the cards.

But it may be difficult to reach such a firm judgement so far in advance if the polls are favourable and party enthusiasm is mounting. With public opinion so liable to fluctuate, much could change in the meantime. I am not thinking particularly of the MI5 case. Muddles are not exactly to be recommended for governments, but this excitement will have passed well before the election.

Dilemma facing the leadership

What if Mrs Thatcher none the less concludes that it would be sensible to await the results of the local government elections next May before deciding about the general election? If they were not so encouraging as she might hope, she would then be faced with a choice between going to the polls immediately simply because that was expected or saying no at what would seem to be the last minute.

If she chose the second course she would have to be careful not to give the impression that she had simply shirked the battle. This would mean that she would be all the more likely to emphasize the positive value of waiting, of the Government's seeing its task through. In which case it might then be difficult to make an October election seem natural.

I would therefore draw two conclusions. Although the Government's prospects now look encouraging, Mrs Thatcher would be wise not to allow election expectations to get out of hand. If she does let that happen the election would then be more likely either this summer or in 1988, rather than in October.

Ministers accused of being apathetic

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Government and the electricty supply industry were both accused yesterday of inertia and apathy in failing to promote a pioneering form of energy technology that could double the efficiency of coal-fired power stations.

The accusation, made in a Commons select committee report, will cause considerable embarrassment in Whitehall. At the very moment it was being released, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, was praising the "outstanding success" of the Government's Energy Efficiency Year which ends this month.

The energy select committee's report reviews progress made since the Energy Act, 1983, which, among other things, laid a statuatory duty on every electricity board to "adopt and support" joint public and private sector schemes to convert power stations so that heat given off in electricity generation can be tapped.

This heat would be transferred to water, which would then be piped to hospitals.

Proponents of Combined Heat and Power (CHP) say that only 32 per cent of the latent energy in coal is used in the generation of electricity. Through CHP 70 per cent of coal's energy could be tapped.

The report concludes, however, that the Energy Act which was "intended to encourage the development of combined heat and power by the electricity supply industry has actually had the reverse effect".

The industry, for which CHB means electricity generation passing into the private sector, "does not have any commercial incentive to promote this technology" and continued to regard heat as a by-product of electricity generation.

"As long as this attitude prevails among the institutions with the real power to promote CHP, then this orphan technology will be prevented from entering into its inheritance."

The Government, meanwhile, had failed to show the political will necessary.

Sixth report of the Energy Committee (Stationery Office; £10).

Call for more tax aid for forests

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

A House of Lords' committee today comes out strongly in favour of encouraging farmers to plant forests on good quality, but unwanted, farmland, backed up by more generous tax incentives.

Its report supports proposals being considered by Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, on finding other uses for the land acceptable to farmers, environmentalists and the Treasury.

But it will not be so welcome with his rivals at the Department of Environment who are worried about the effects of large afforestation schemes.

The committee, chaired by Lord Gallacher, urges an investigation into exempting forestry schemes from capital gains tax. It also criticizes the way the tax exemption scheme does not benefit small farmers, who have to rely on grant aid to plant woodland. But the EEC should also accept some financial responsibility for replacing food crops with forestry, it states.

Present estimates show that Britain imports about £4,500 million worth of timber a year — 90 per cent of its needs. The new forests being planted will see that figure drop to about 80 per cent by the end of the century. But 87 per cent of new planting has been in Scotland, mainly of conifers on poor quality land.

The report, which will be debated in the Lords, states: "The committee recognize that forestry is a potential use for better quality land coming out of agriculture.

"They are sceptical however about the amount of land which will, or indeed should, be planted and whether the emphasis being placed on the use of broadleaves would be economically viable."

Most witnesses told the peers that they favoured the use of better quality land because of the damage caused to upland areas and wildlife, such as the red grouse, by dense plantations. The committee accepted that the habitats of threatened wildlife species also need protection.

House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities: Forestry Policy (Stationery Office; £4.60).

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Life for man who shot and killed gardener with home-made rifle

Three hooded burglars who used crossbows and a home-made rifle during a robbery which left a gardener and a dog dead were yesterday given jail sentences and youth custody.

Terence Clark was found guilty at Lewes Crown Court, East Sussex, of murdering Mr William Austin, aged 54, and wounding Mrs Ellen Ditcher, aged 76, a widow, with intent to cause her grievous bodily harm, in a robbery at her manor house at Otham, near Maidstone, Kent, in July last year.

He was jailed for life and Mr Justice Saville recommended that he should serve at least 25 years.

His son, Martin, aged 20, and Steve Dougal, aged 21, were found guilty of manslaughter and unlawfully wounding Mrs Ditcher. Martin Clark was sentenced to 10 years' youth custody and Dougal was jailed for 10 years. All three admitted robbery.

Mrs Ditcher was hit by three bullets fired by Terence Clark from a home-made rifle. His son and Dougal were armed with crossbows, which they took along to maim a great dane and two boxer dogs.

The judge praised Mrs Ditcher's bravery and composure. "She is an indomitable old lady," he said. She was wounded and had been tied up, but she repeatedly asked to be allowed to go and help her mortally wounded gardener.

During the three-week trial the jury was told that the three men, all wearing black hoods, attacked the manor house late at night and kicked in the back door.

Mr Austin was shot by Terence Clark when he came downstairs from his second-floor flat to see what was going on. He bled to death while the robbers searched the house and stole cash, jewellery and antiques worth £6,000.

Terence Clark also shot dead the great dane and Mrs Ditcher, who was wounded, was tied up for more than two hours before she freed herself and went to a neighbour for help.

The three men were also sentenced for robbing a public house a month earlier, which they admitted.

Clark, his son and Dougal tied up Mrs Gwendoline Farmer, aged 49, landlady of The Bull at Dartford, Kent, and stole £13,000 worth of jewellery, furs and cash in June 1985.

Mr Justice Saville said: "This involved breaking into premises you knew were occupied by a woman living on her own and threatening violence to her in order to obtain her co-operation in robbing her of her possessions".

Terence Clark, of Longham Copse, near Maidstone, was jailed for 10 years, to run concurrently with his life sentence.

The judge sentenced Martin Clark, of Edenbridge Close, St Mary Cray, Kent, and Dougal, of Cotsmendene Crescent, St Paul's Cray, Kent, who were both aged 19 at the time, to six years for their part in the Dartford robbery, to run concurrent with the manslaughter sentences.

The judge said Terence Clark was a professional burglar who had graduated to armed robbery and he told the two younger men they had taken part in joint enterprises and must take some of the responsibility for the death of Mr Austin.

The judge told Terence Clark: "I accept that when you went into that house you had no idea there was anyone else there apart from Mrs Ditcher.

"But when you did realize this you had no hesitation in using the weapon you were carrying to remove this obstacle to your plan to rob an old lady in her own home."

King Elvis will rule his tribe from afar

By David Sapsted

King Elvis Johnson-Idan, otherwise Brent council's parks manager, found time to relax yesterday as he prepared for his coronation, later this month, as ruler of 10,000 Fanti tribesmen living on the coastal plains of Ghana, West Africa.

His elevation to the throne has caught both Mr Johnson-Idan and his British-born wife, Queen Elizabeth, a part-time telephonist, by surprise.

But at their semi-detached home in Camberley, Surrey, yesterday both pledged to take their responsibilities seriously.

Mr Johnson-Idan, aged 36, was nominated as king, or "nana", of part of the Fanti tribe by elders this autumn. "We knew he was of royal blood but we expected one of his four older brothers to be appointed," Mrs Johnson-Idan said.

The coronation will take place at Jukwaa, in Ghana, on December 23 but, after that, Mr Idan-Johnson intends to return to his job of looking after Brent's parks and flower beds in north London.

He will, however, visit the tribespeople he left more than a decade ago, at least twice a year. "I shall not rule as a dictator but as head of a group of people deciding tribal affairs," he said.

King Elvis, his wife and daughter, at home yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Train hits trailer on crossing

Passengers on a commuter train escaped injury yesterday when it hit a trailer full of cattle fodder on a crossing at Ryhope, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, carrying it 350 yards down the track.

Police praised Mr Geoffrey Wright, aged 21, a farm worker, for his quick thinking in racing down the line waving his arms to warn the driver of the train, the 7.15 from Middlesbrough to Newcastle upon Tyne, carrying about 80 passengers.

His action gave the driver time to brake and slow the train from its usual speed of 60mph.

Northumbria police said: "It seems that without the quick thinking in slowing down the train there could have been serious injuries in the crash".

It is thought that the tractor's wheels had become stuck between the rails of the farm accommodation crossing.

The train came to a halt next to Town Farm, Ryhope, where Mr Wright worked.

The accident came hours after a fire at the farm, owned by Mr Alan Davidson, destroyed a barn and 100 tons of hay. Yesterday firemen were still damping it down.

The crash led to temporary closure of the line, but a single track was reopened later. The train was not seriously damaged.

Church in favour of state aid

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Welfare State needs an injection of new vision and idealism to protect it from being dismantled in the name of right-wing beliefs, a Church of England report declares today.

Christians cannot accept an individualistic philosophy which demands that everyone should stand on their own feet, it states.

The report, which is expected to be debated by the General Synod in February, is the result of a church working party set up to consider the theological basis for church endorsement of the theory of the Welfare State.

It argues that the poor "are a living reminder to the rest of society of its fallibility and weakness. Extremes of wealth and poverty are a consequence of sin, and witness to the conscious or unconscious capacity for injustice of the rich and powerful, and the consequent disintegration of society."

Christians had also to be concerned at the present division in society, the report states. They could not approve a system which allowed a large minority of the population to live at a level which sank lower and lower in comparison with the wage-earning majority.

"The grim facts of gross inequality between the very rich and the poor is not just a social misfortune but a social evil."

Jasmine officer in job appeal

Mrs Diane Dietmann, a senior social worker who was dismissed for alleged "gross misconduct" in the handling of the Jasmine Beckford case, asked a High Court judge for her job back yesterday.

In a sworn statement read to Mr Justice Hodgson she said that she was "shocked and stunned" when Brent social services dismissed her in December last year after an inquiry report.

Mr John Hendy, counsel for Mrs Dietmann, said that there was no hearing for her to defend the report's allegation of gross negligence against her, before the social services committee accepted the recommendation to dismiss her.

She is suing for a declaration that her dismissal was invalid, void and of no effect, and an injunction reinstating her; or, alternatively, damages for wrongful dismissal.

Jasmine Beckford, aged four, died in July 1984, after being tortured and starved by her parents, who were later jailed. A report criticized the social services.

Mr Hendy said that although for the purposes of the action Mrs Dietmann was prepared to accept the findings of the report, the allegations against her had always been denied. She would deny them "strenuously" in the future.

He said the vital matter to be decided was whether her contract of employment allowed her to be dismissed without notice for gross misconduct when the allegation against her was gross negligence.

Mrs Dietmann, of Tudor Well Close, Stanmore, north London, alleges that the terms of her employment cannot be extended that far and that instant dismissal is restricted to cases of criminal acts or intent.

In her statement Mrs Dietmann said that the way the decision was taken was a flagrant breach of her terms of employment, the rules of natural justice and her employer's duty to act reasonably.

Brent are defending the claim, and deny any breach of contract.

The hearing continues.

Mother and child die in 100ft fall

Miss Tina Leadbetter, aged 26, of Bletchley, Milton Keynes, an unmarried mother, and her child, aged one, fell more than 100 feet to their deaths yesterday.

The mother died instantly and her daughter three hours later in hospital.

Miss Leadbetter is said to have been depressed about the possibility of social services staff taking her child into care.

Police dispute claim by Ripper victim's mother

West Yorkshire Police challenged yesterday the "enormous and vast" duty of care which a court is being asked to impose on them by the mother of the Yorkshire Ripper's last victim.

Mrs Doreen Hill, aged 52, of Leaholm Crescent, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, claims that her daughter Jacqueline would be alive today if the police had not failed in their duty to catch Peter Sutcliffe before she became his thirteenth victim.

But Mr Alan Rawley, QC, for Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, told the Court of Appeal that if Mrs Hill was right, the police would have owed a duty of care to any unaccompanied woman in the proximity of Sutcliffe when he was in a "murderous mood", wherever he might have been at the time.

Mr Rawley said: "Indeed, Sutcliffe was arrested in a car in Sheffield, which is outside the West Yorkshire Police area.

"If you can't limit it in terms of geographical area, do you say the duty of care extends and is owed to any unaccompanied woman wherever Peter Sutcliffe may be?

"How far do you go out of the area of the West Yorkshire Police? To London? To the Home Counties? Abroad? The other side of the world if Sutcliffe chose to emigrate because he thought things were getting too hot for him here but wished to continue with his career of murder?

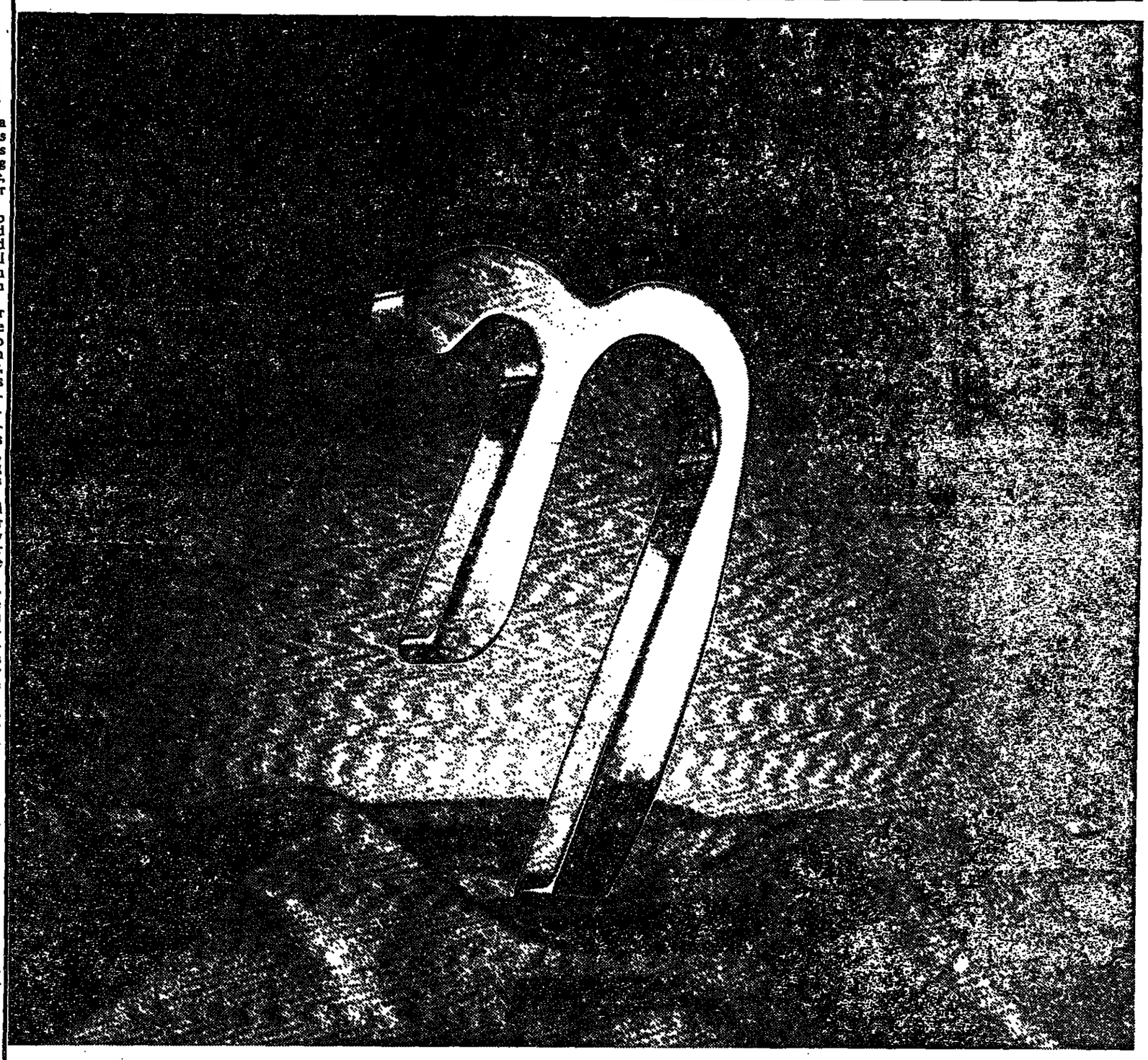
"One is faced with a duty which, if it exists, would be of an enormous and vast type."

Jacqueline Hill, aged 20, was murdered in November, 1980 while walking from a bus stop to her hall of residence at Leeds University.

Her mother is appealing against a High Court ruling which blocked her bid to sue the police for damages.

Last December, Sir Neil Lawson ruled that she could not establish that the police owed a special duty of care to her daughter.

The appeal hearing, before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Glidewell and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce, continues.



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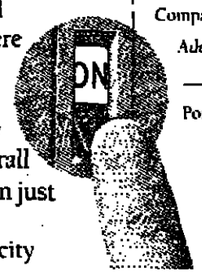

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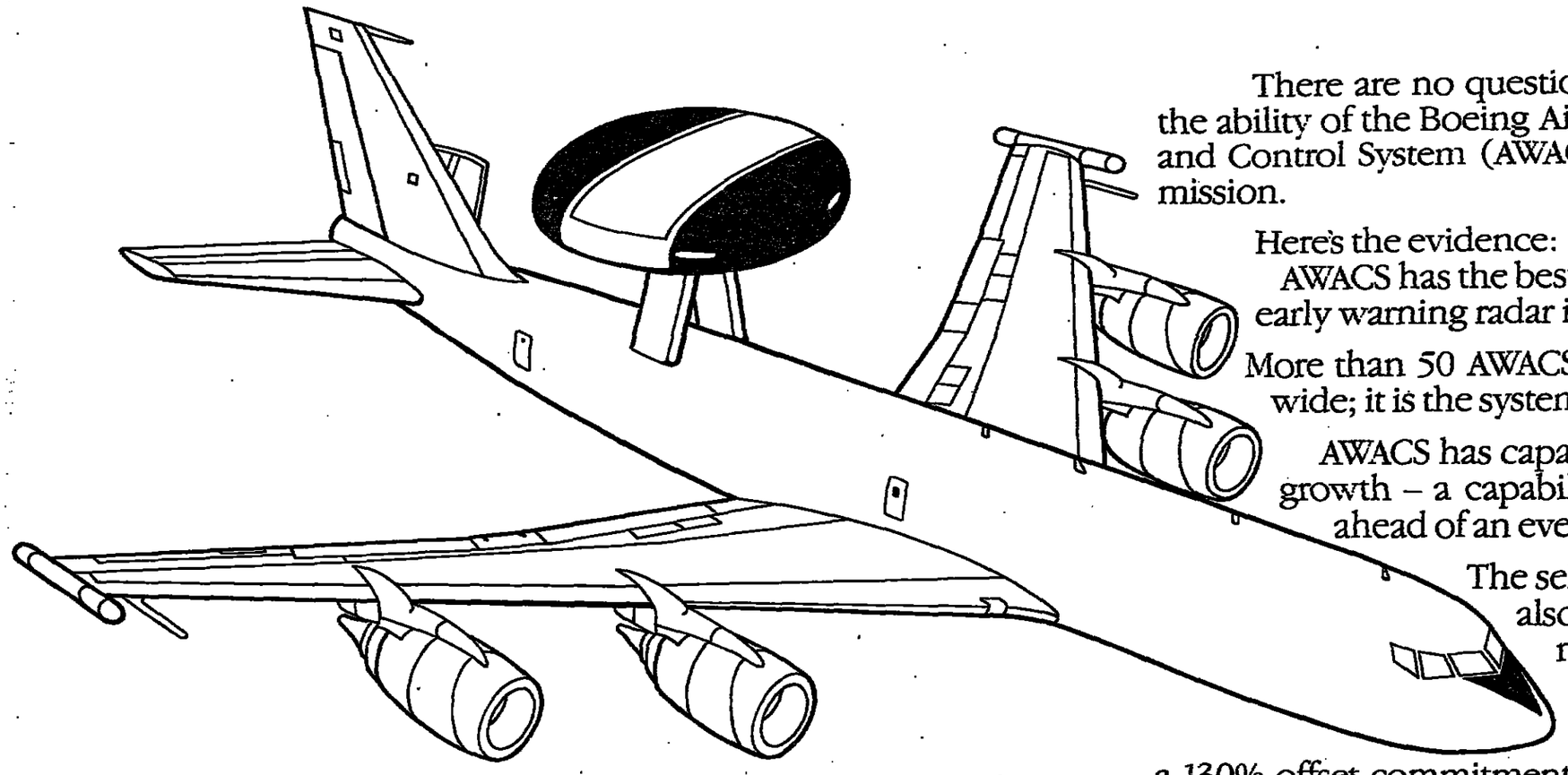

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MPs criticize Inland Revenue 'failure' over mortgage relief

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Inland Revenue is sharply criticized for "lack of foresight" in a report by MPs published yesterday.

The main complaint is that it failed to foresee that Mortgage Interest Relief at Source (Miras) would lead to a £2.25 billion increase in government tax relief expenditure in the two years after its introduction in 1983.

The report by the Commons Public Accounts Committee says the effect of Miras was to make low-cost endowment mortgages, which attract greater tax relief than repayment mortgages, much more competitive.

The proportion of endowment mortgages more than doubled, from 25 per cent of new mortgages, and the total value of mortgage interest relief rose from £2.5 billion to £4.75 billion.

The report says that the committee found it difficult to believe the Inland Revenue's claim that the increased popularity of endowment mortgages accounted for less than £100 million of this increase.

"We are surprised that the Inland Revenue did not foresee the increased attractiveness of endowment mortgages," it says.

Alarmed by the "open-ended nature" of the Government's tax relief commitment, the report recommends that mortgage tax relief should be subject "to similiar standards of monitoring and control" as other demand-led expenditure approved by Parliament, such as supplementary benefit.

The report also challenges the Inland Revenue to justify the present system whereby two single people buying a property jointly can each take out £30,000 mortgages and claim tax relief, whereas married couples are restricted to relief on just one £30,000 mortgage.

The Inland Revenue said it was a loophole rather than a policy, but the report says: "It seems to us an anomaly which is unfavourable to married couples. We therefore suggest that if it is to be retained, the policy objective which underlies it should be made clear."

It goes on to question the efficiency of Inland Revenue's efforts to prevent fraudulent tax relief claims, not only on mortgages but also on life assurance policies.

The committee is "disturbed" that 93 companies have so far been been identified by the Inland Revenue as "failing to permit a straightforward verification of reimbursement claims", and "concerned at the potential number of still unidentified cases". It urges a speeding up of the eight-year cycle of control visits.

It also questions the Inland Revenue's reluctance to ask for receipts to back up claims for tax relief on home improvement loans

The Comptroller and Auditor General had suggested such a course, and "it seems to us that this would be a simple exercise in corroboration", the report says.

Both Miras and Lapras (Life Assurance Premium Relief at Source) were introduced mainly to cut staff. The report notes that the Inland Revenue achieved 3,000 reductions, although it was unable to say whether the job losses corresponded to the actual work saved in practice.

The committee concludes that it is "fundamental to good management" that job losses should correspond to work saved, and calls for improvements.

Fifty-second report of the Committee of Public Accounts: Life Assurance Premium Relief and Mortgage Interest Relief at Source (Stationery Office; *£3.10*).

Winning smiles yesterday from Bobby Davro, voted most popular professional comedian in a poll run by TV-am's *Good Morning Britain*, and Miss Rene Tully, aged 58, a London traffic warden who was named the Funniest Person in Britain (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Pupils plant for posterity

By Ian Smith

Children at a village primary school near Barnsley made their own contribution to history yesterday by launching a pilot project to protect the environment for future generations.

The £60,000 scheme was officially launched when youngsters at Filkstone School started planting 1,050 trees on their playing fields. As the vegetation grows it will blend with adjoining school areas earmarked for a wildlife meadow and butterfly garden.

The Community Action in Rural Environment scheme (CARE) will run for three years and will be funded by the Countryside Commission, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Peak Park Joint Planning Board and seven parish councils.

The scheme is designed to encourage care and understanding for the local countryside by involving the community. An independent evaluation of its success will be made by Bradford University

Nimrod or Awacs decision expected before Christmas

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

The final recommendation on which aircraft will provide the next generation of airborne early warning radar, the homegrown Nimrod or the American Boeing E-3 Awacs, will be made at a meeting of Civil Servants and technical experts today.

Members of the Ministry of Defence's Equipment Policy Committee, which includes representatives from the Treasury and Foreign Office, are expected to prepare a paper outlining their decision, which Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, will study over the weekend.

Mr Younger is expected to review the committee's recommendation with Lord Trefgarne, the Defence Procurement Minister. The Government will probably announce its decision before Christmas.

GEC argues that the Nimrod system is cheaper, specifically designed for UK tasks and that the first three aircraft could be with the RAF by next autumn.

It realizes, however, that it has still to convince some sceptical, senior air force officers that the system will work and meet all their requirements now many of the original faults have been ironed out.

A decision against Nimrod will virtually write off the £900 million of taxpayers money already spent, mean instant redundancy for 2,500 staff employed on the project at GEC and associated companies and effectively end hopes of up to £2 billion of export deals with the avionics system of the aircraft.

GEC has recently been running an expensive advertising campaign arguing that while both aircraft will defend Britain, only Nimrod will defend British industry. Some observers have interpreted that as a sign that the company may be worried the decision is slipping away from it.

Boeing, which has the advantages of a system that is already operational and of proven capabilities, has countered the employment argument by offering an unprecedented 130 per cent of offset work for UK companies which, it claims, will create 8,000 jobs over the eight years of the programme.

But it will not be able to supply the first aircraft for three years although it is understood to have suggested to the MoD that three Awacs on loan from the USAF to Saudi Arabia, pending delivery of its own aircraft, could be made available to bridge the gap.

In the EEC chair: 4

Tenacity has bred qualified success

*In the final part of his review of Britain's six months leadership of the EEC, **Robin Oakley, Political Editor**, assesses the successes and failures.*

On the big eye-catching issues, Britain's presidency of the Common Market cannot be called an unqualified success.

In September 1984, the EEC partners agreed: "If one partner suffers serious terrorist activity involving the abuse of diplomatic immunity, the partners will be ready to consider common action in response".

When, in October this year, Britain presented those partners with a dossier of evidence of the Syrian Embassy's involvement in the Hindawi plot to blow up an El-Al airliner, it called for a ban on arms sales, a limitation of Syrian Embassy activities, a curb on visits by Syrian delegations and a freeze on EEC aid.

The response was lukewarm. Only six of the 12 foreign ministers turned up in person, with the French and German foreign secretaries preferring a night at the opera. It was, Sir Geoffrey Howe said: "A less adequate signal to Syria than we would have wished".

But if ever there was an institution where the motto is "if at first you don't succeed ..." it is the EEC. And if ever there was a minister temperamentally suited to trying and trying again it is Sir Geoffrey. We used our veto on aid to Syria.

We kept up the barrage and, on November 10, he got his package of measures, with only Greece opting out.

A package of sanctions against South Africa was achieved in the end, though a somewhat token one. And Sir Geoffrey's two miserable visits to Southern Africa as spokesman of the EEC did not provoke claims that he was not articulating the European voice, so far as it could be heard.

Sir Geoffrey's quiet resolution in the threatened trade war with the United States has won us grudging respect for being more Community-minded than we were.

In the battles over US grain imports, the pasta and citrus disputes, the counter-threats by America to curb imports of whisky, brandy and special steels, Sir Geoffrey left no doubt of his sincerity in the belief that Europe "must demonstrate its ability to match measure with countermeasure".

On the grand stage issues, Europe's performance is still a poor one, but it has been no worse under the British presidency. On the smaller practicalities of political cooperation, there has been progress, notably in the moves by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to stiffen Europe's borders against terrorists and to step up the war against drug traffickers.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, sums up Britain's aims thus: "The only barriers we want to see are those against terrorism. The only protectionism we want is that directed against drugs."

There is no doubt that Britain and her partners are reaching for the phone more often and are thinking instinctively towards EEC rather than national solutions to problems.

The key to the comparative British success is that we are working not in isolation but as part of a three-presidency rolling programme, linked with the Dutch, who preceded us, and the Belgians who follow.

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Change lies ahead, with majority voting, which will stop single states blocking progress for ever on a technical, protectionist point. As Mrs Chalker says: "Already, we as president are using the onset of the Single European Act to try to persuade the legates that it is better to negotiate a compromise now than to be out-voted later".

Sir Geoffrey Howe reflected at the outset: "The real test of any presidency is how well it keeps business moving along".

Whether Mrs Thatcher wins all 13 points of the package she is hoping for at the European Summit this weekend or only six, it is clear that Britain has not only kept the business moving but actually increased the momentum.

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Threat to sue over PC's death

The Police Federation may take legal action against Stoke on Trent City Council after the death of Police Constable John Taylor, who fell to his death from a seven-storey block of flats 11 days ago.

Photographs of the stairway window at Honeywall Court, Penkhull, which gave way while PC Taylor was grappling with a suspect, have been forwarded to legal experts.

PC Taylor, who lived at Westbury Park, Newcastle under Lyme, died when the window gave way and he fell 50ft to his death. A Birmingham man has been charged with his murder.

The funeral of the policeman, who was aged 26, will be held in Stoke this morning.

Reply by judge to sexist jibe

The judge dubbed "a sexist" by a woman motorist defended himself yesterday.

Judge Anthony Goodall, aged 70, hit the headlines after advising Mrs Wendy Birch, aged 37, a teacher, to "switch on the charm" with policemen to avoid prosecution.

The judge, speaking during a lunch adjournment at Exeter Crown Court, said: "The object of my remark was to point out to Mrs Birch how stupid it was to be rude to the police".

He infuriated Mrs Birch on Tuesday after she successfully appealed against a conviction for driving without insurance. She was unsuccessful in appeals against convictions for speeding and failing to produce a driving licence.

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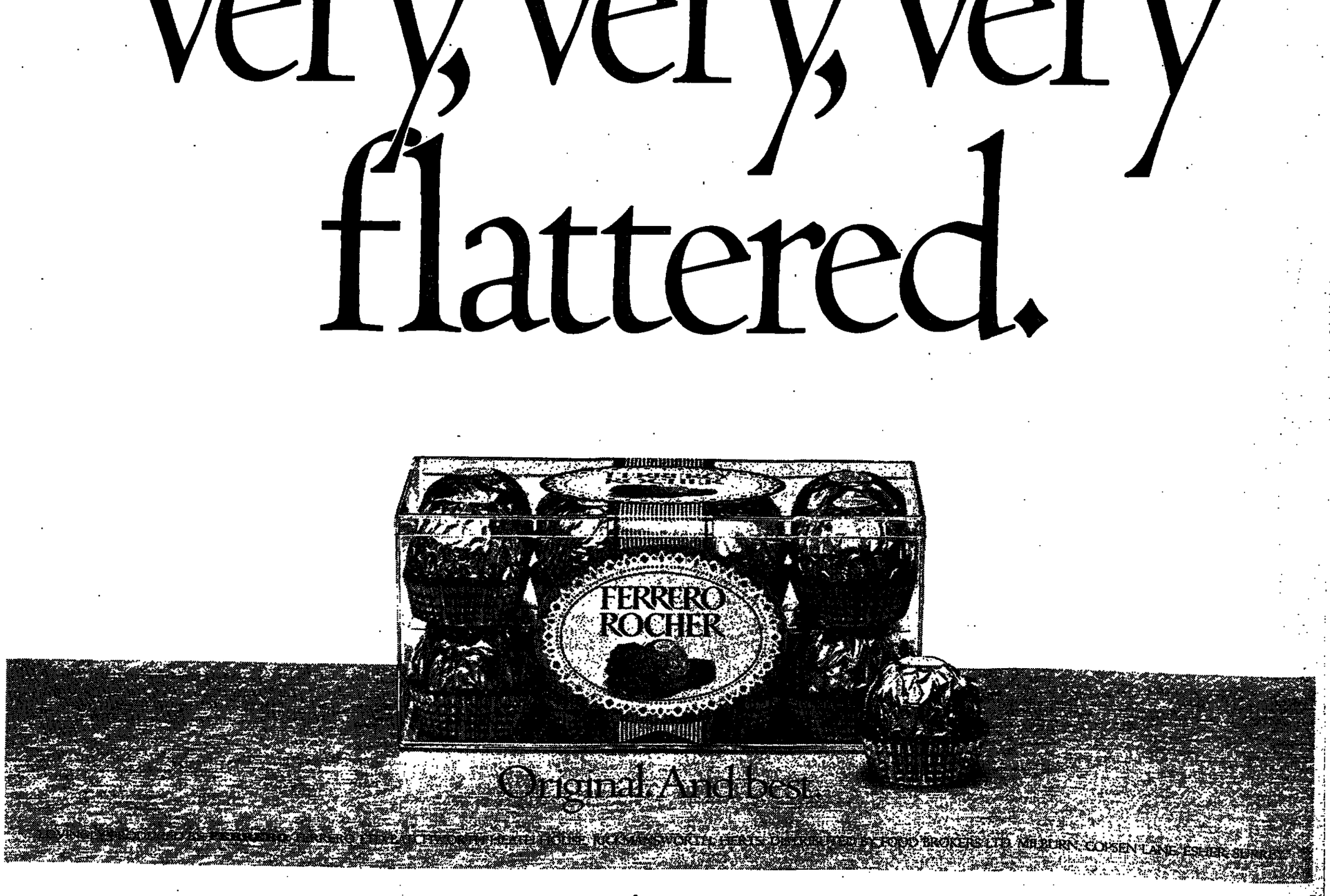

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WORLD SUMMARY

Hanoi frees Thai seamen for cash

Bangkok – The last of almost 500 Thai fishermen imprisoned in Vietnam for up to six years returned home yesterday after the payment of fines of $350,000 (£245,000) by the Thai Government (Neil Kelly writes).

Vietnam said their release was a goodwill gesture to mark the tenth anniversary of formal relations between Bangkok and Hanoi. Before the men were actually released the Vietnamese Ambassador here went to the Foreign Ministry to collect the fines.

All the fishermen had been convicted of fishing in Vietnamese waters. They were kept behind bars because neither their employers nor the Thai Government would pay the fines. The youngest fisherman to return was a 14-year-old boy who was imprisoned for 15 months doing hard labour. All complained that they had been badly treated.

Epidemic spreading

Lagos (Reuter) – The Nigerian Health Minister, Mr Koye Ransome-Kuti, confirmed yesterday that a yellow fever epidemic had spread to four states.

He challenged reports that it had spread to urban centres from the countryside, and said he could not confirm a World Health Organization statement that 470 villagers had died. He said the figure was 127.

The epidemic began in central Benue State and has now spread to the neighbouring eastern states of Cross River, Imo and Anambra.

Bugging protest

Copenhagen – Denmark lodged a strong official protest with the Polish Government yesterday after uncovering listening devices in its embassy in Warsaw (Christopher Follett writes).

"The discovery of the monitoring devices comes when Denmark is trying to normalize relations with Poland. The revelation has inevitably damaged the confidence which is so vital in our attempts to better East-West relations," Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister, said.

Death plane puzzle

Los Angeles – A small private plane which collided with an Aeroméxico jet in August, killing 82 people, was never spotted on the radar screen, according to the air traffic controller involved (Ivor Davis writes).

Mr Walter White, testifying on the first day of the official inquiry into the crash, emphasized that no other planes showed up on his screen that might endanger the big jet. However, he said that, because of the Federal Aviation Administration's radar system, it was not unusual for him not to see aircraft on the 22-inch controller's screen.His testimony added weight to the argument put forward by FAA critics that much of the radar equipment being used at Los Angeles and other large airports is out-dated.

Savings plan dies

Oslo – The Norwegian Government has dropped its proposals for a compulsory savings scheme, which it announced only on Friday, after a chorus of criticism led by the trade unions, the minority Labour administration's natural constituents (Tony Samstag writes).

Officials appear to have been taken by surprise by the strength of reaction to the most innovative of several attempts to curb consumer spending.

Antarctic oil claim

Wellington (Reuter) – New Zealand scientists claim to have discovered traces of oil deep below the sea floor of the southern Antarctic continent.

A core sample analysis found at 2,073 ft in the Ross Dependency showed oil and gas were once trapped there but had subsequently leaked out. Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, said the discovery made an Antarctic agreement to govern mineral resources all the more important.

Warning for Daniloff

Moscow – *Izvestia* hinted yesterday that if Nicholas Daniloff, right, publishes a book detailing his two-week stay in a Soviet prison in September this year then the KGB will release transcripts of his interrogation (A Correspondent writes).

Mr Daniloff, of *US News and World Report*, was arrested on spying charges after what he claims was a set-up by an old Russian friend.

Izvestia claimed yesterday that Daniloff and his KGB interrogator had had a gentleman's agreement not to make their conversations public, and Daniloff had broken his word. "It seems Daniloff is in a hurry to free us from a gentleman's agreement," the newspaper quoted the officer.

Battle drags to dredge Rhine of factory poison

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The removal of toxic chemicals deposited in the bed of the River Rhine after the Basel chemical plant blaze on November 1 is taking far longer than expected.

In two weeks only about a ton has been recovered from the estimated 20-30 tons of agro-chemical compounds that drained into the river with waters from fire hoses.

Swiss divers with suction dredgers are working at Schweizerhalle, site of the Sandoz plant. Downstream at the Birsfelden barrage, similar operations are being carried out by a Dutch company. Both have been instructed to increase their workforce.

"Switzerland's reputation for ecological protection was destroyed in a single night and confidence has to be re-established at any price," President Egli of Switzerland, who is also the Environment Minister, told a joint meeting of both houses of Parliament.

Controls in the chemical industry would have to be stricter and manufacturing processes and warehousing techniques might have to be forbidden. Swiss environmental laws would have to be brought into line with the European Community's "Seveso directives", he told the meeting.

Mr Egli said the Government favoured setting up a co-ordination centre for dealing quickly with claims for damages attributable to the Sandoz fire.

Plot to kidnap British ambassador

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

A plot to kidnap the British Ambassador in Turkey, in order to exchange him for arrested members of the Abu Nidal terrorist organization, has been uncovered during police interrogation of two terrorist suspects, according to Middle East intelligence sources.

The two men, Mr Ali Kent and Mr Adnan Moussa Suleiman Ameri, a Jordanian Embassy interpreter in Ankara, are among nine people who have been indicted over the killing of Mr Ziyad al-Sati, the First Secretary at the Jordanian Embassy, in July last year.

According to the sources, both men have made long statements which include valuable information about Syrian intelligence activities in Turkey, connected to the Abu Nidal organization.

The Foreign Office said yesterday it was unaware of any plot to kidnap the ambassador in Ankara, Sir Mark Russell, but confirmed that the Turkish authorities had been keeping in close touch with them after the arrests because of information supplied by the suspects.

According to the intelligence sources, Mr Kent and Mr Ameri have revealed a range of operations and plots in Turkey which are allegedly connected with the Syrians.

They include a plan to assassinate an American general in Izmir, in an operation code-named "Bornova" which should have been carried out in August to September last year. A car containing explosives was to be parked along the road taken by the general and detonated by a remote-controlled device. The attack was not carried out because, it is alleged, the Syrian liaison man was expelled from Turkey for being a member of the Abu Nidal group.

The sources said that Mr Ameri said the Syrians wanted to hurt the Jordanian royal family by assassinating Mr Sati, who is related to King Husain.

He said the Syrians asked him to collect operational information on him, and to hand the pistol with which the Jordanian diplomat was killed to the assassin. Mr Kent confessed to supplying the car for the getaway.

Mr Ameri also claimed that an explosion in an ammunition dump in Yahsihan, east of Ankara, in June, which was said to be an accident, was a Syrian sabotage operation.

President Reagan reaps benefits after reasserting his authority

Congress anger as dismissed advisers keep their silence

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Crisis in the White House

America has given a warm welcome to the measures announced by President Reagan on Tuesday to quell the Iran furore, but Congress has been angered by the refusal of key figures in the affair to answer questions at the opening of its inquiry.

Senators and commentators praised the President's call for an independent investigator and the appointment of Mr Frank Carlucci as National Security Adviser.

They saw this as the beginning of a reassertion of authority by President Reagan and welcomed his declared readiness to make all the facts available as swiftly as possible.

However, there was considerable anger at the behaviour of Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, and Colonel Oliver North, who was dismissed as National Security Council (NSC) Military Adviser, over what was seen as their lack of co-operation with the Senate intelligence committee holding hearings on the affair.

Admiral Poindexter spent 17 minutes in the Senate on Tuesday and never appeared on the witness chair, claiming he was not yet ready to answer questions. The panel reacted angrily and decided to subpoena him for a second appearance yesterday.

President Reagan had earlier said he was taking an unprecedented step in allowing two former NSC advisers to testify.

Colonel North invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination at least 40 times during questioning, refusing to answer questions about his role.

His testimony is considered vital to any attempt to discover the details of the operation and the funnelling of money to the Contras. Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney General, said Colonel North was the only man in the Administration who knew everything about the affair.

The senators are bound by their own strict rules of secrecy not to reveal any of the testimony they hear, but several gave indications afterwards of what the witnesses had said, to the anger of Administration officials.

Vice-President George Bush yesterday made his first public speech on the issue after being repeatedly urged to speak out by his political advisers. He said he supported Mr Reagan's policy of initiating contacts with Iran, but claimed he had not known about the funnelling of funds to the Contras. Nevertheless, the affair is seen here as having damaged his presidential chances in 1988.

The Republican leadership discussing with reporters yesterday their meeting with President Reagan: from left, the House minority Leader, Mr Robert Michel; House minority Whip, Mr Trent Lott; and Senate majority Leader, Mr Robert Dole.

Rebel aid policy at heart of scandal

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The "Reagan doctrine" of aiding anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua, Angola and Afghanistan is at the heart of the scandal about the devious methods used by the Administration in secretly supplying arms to them.

President Reagan and his top officials have been tight-lipped about these covert operations. They refused to confirm persistent reports earlier this year that the Administration, after hesitating for years on sending sophisticated US weapons to insurgent forces in the Third World, had in March begun supplying several hundred shoulder-fired Stinger missiles secretly to anti-communist rebels in Afghanistan and Angola.

Shortly after that, a senior Pentagon official was reported to have been sacked for allegedly leaking the Stingers supply story to the press.

The covert US assistance programme to the Afghan rebels has been estimated at about $400 million (£280 million), including weapons and other aid sent directly from the US to the resistance fighters.

There has been no congressional ban on American military aid to the Afghan rebels fighting Soviet troops, as there was for about three years on American military supplies to the Nicaraguan Contras.

With the disclosure of the sale of US arms to Iran, there are now reports that the money channel for this was a Swiss bank account managed by the CIA.

The Washington Post yesterday reported that the US and the Saudi Arabian Government had deposited $250 million each into this account to underwrite the Afghan rebels. The American deposit for the Afghan insurgents had been secretly appropriated by Congress.

But, it said, money from this account was also used to buy arms for the Contras at a time when Congress had forbidden any military support for them.

It quoted one congressional source as saying that the bank account was also used for buying Soviet, Chinese and other arms from countries such as Israel, which were being shipped clandestinely to guerrillas in Afghanistan and to the Contras.

As far as Afghanistan is concerned, Congress also openly gives the resistance fighters about $5 million in non-lethal and humanitarian aid.

But the Administration has never disclosed the amount of military assistance it gives to the Angolan Unita forces of Dr Jonas Savimbi who are fighting the Cuban-backed Marxist Government.

President Reagan has insisted that such aid must be kept covert. The US estimates that the Soviet Union has given more than $1 billion worth of military aid to the Angolan Government since January 1984.

More talks on Afghan settlement

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Prospects for a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan looked as remote as ever yesterday at the end of the current round of shuttle diplomacy by Señor Diego Cordóvez, the UN mediator.

While the mediator described progress as "a significant step towards a conclusion", one Western diplomat dismissed it as "meaningless without real evidence of Soviet intentions".

Talks in Kabul and Islamabad produced agreement on how the withdrawal of Moscow's 110,000 troops should be monitored, but not on when it should occur.

The root problem remains the same as that which caused Leonid Brezhnev to order the winter invasion almost seven years ago – Islamic fundamentalism and how to suppress it.

Hints by Mr Gorbachov that a settlement might not be far off raised hopes briefly. The perennially optimistic Señor Cordóvez was encouraged to think that his mission, which began in 1982, was near its end. But yesterday as he announced yet another round of talks to begin in Geneva on February 11, his remarks were more restrained.

His efforts have so far not involved the Mujahideen, whose consent would be needed for the internal settlement that Moscow says is a precondition for withdrawal. But, according to Mr Julian Gearing, information director of the London-based Afghan Support Committee, who has just returned from visiting Mujahideen leaders, that consent will not be forthcoming.

● ISLAMABAD: Señor Cordóvez said here yesterday that both the Pakistan and Afghan foreign ministers needed to make afresh a very sobre assessment of the Afghanistan situation in order to resolve the only outstanding issue blocking a timetable for the withdrawal of the Soviet troops (Hasan Akhtar writes).

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Kinnock warns US bid to block anti-nuclear policy could backfire

From Robin Oakley, Political Editor, Washington

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, has warned America that any attempt to pressurize a Labour government, which would be committed to a policy of closing down US nuclear bases in Britain, could have dire consequences for its worldwide intelligence network.

After his Harvard defence speech, Mr Kinnock recalled how America had taken reprisals against New Zealand following the refusal of its Labour Government to admit US nuclear vessels into the country's ports.

The US withdrawal of co-operation in the Anzus defence pact had lost it a very small part of its intelligence communications and armour in the South Pacific, he said.

He warned that any similar reprisals against a British Labour government would be a "gigantic act of cutting off nose to spite face" which would result in a significant loss of intelligence and communication facilities safeguarding the domestic security of the US.

Mr Kinnock added: "I would not respond to antagonism from the USA in that way, because I believe in the defence of the USA. But it would be a temptation for other governments or for public sentiment in Britain — which I think can be restrained, but it is there."

Mr Kinnock's oblique warning reflects Labour's confidence that it has plenty to bargain with to counter any American temptation to pressure a Labour government by economic or other means to reverse its unilateralist policies.

The Labour leader is being careful not to use the language of direct confrontation while at the same time making clear his bargaining position.

He believes that the installations on British territory are critical to America's domestic defence and intelligence needs, as well as to the Nato alliance.

Reprisals against Britain, Mr Kinnock warned, would result in the loss of essential facilities "in Europe, in the Indian Ocean, in the Mediterranean and in the Far East".

The 135 US military facilities in Britain include 25 main bases and headquarters, 35 minor and reserve bases and 75 other installations.

Britain makes available to the US the early-warning site at Fylingdales, a submarine watching station in Pembrokeshire, and a range of other communications and intelligence facilities, such as those at Cheltenham GCHQ, at Edzell in Scotland, at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, in Cyprus and in Hong Kong.

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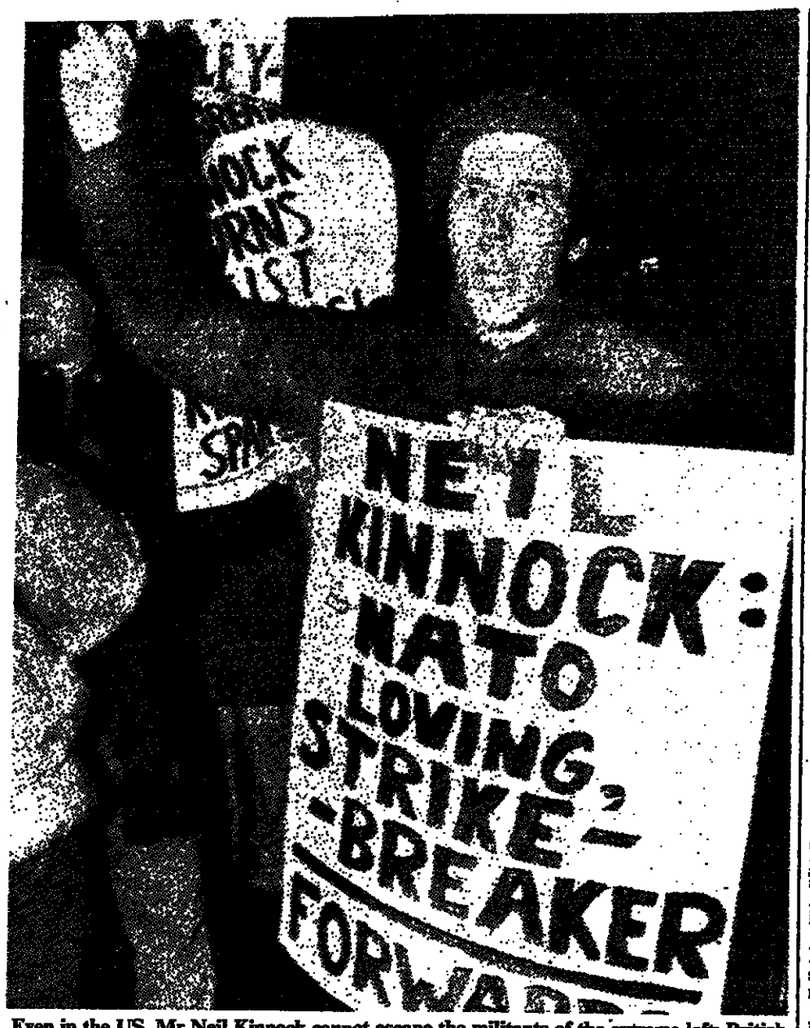

Even in the US, Mr Neil Kinnock cannot escape the militants of the extreme left: British members of the Spartacist League were protesting against him at Harvard yesterday.

Canadian Liberals swing to the left

From John Best, Ottawa

The Liberal Party of Canada, which stands a good chance of forming the government within about two years, has taken a sharp tilt to the left on questions of foreign and defence policy.

Delegates to a weekend Liberal convention here voted to make Canada a nuclear-weapons-free zone and to stop the testing of American cruise missiles in Canadian air space.

They favoured a superpower nuclear weapons freeze and a comprehensive nuclear test ban, and came out against Canadian involvement in the President Reagan's Star Wars programme.

They defeated a resolution calling for Canadian "non-alignment", but approved a series of other resolutions which would have the effect of subordinating Canada-US defence co-operation to the priority of safeguarding Canadian sovereignty, especially in the Arctic theatre.

The shift to the left by the Liberals — who were in power until September 1984 — is reminiscent of the leftward swing of the British Labour Party since it has been out of office.

It presents a difficult dilemma for Mr John Turner, who won a resounding vote of confidence from the convention as party leader, but now has to decide how to play the resolutions in preparing the Liberal election platform. The next election is expected in 1988.

The Liberals are a middle-of-the-road party and Mr Turner, aged 57, is in that tradition, with a slight bias to the right-of-centre.

The Opposition leader takes seriously Canada's responsibility to Nato — this country, under a Liberal government, helped to found the alliance in 1949 — and to collective defence generally.

Mr Turner told a post-convention press conference that he found the resolutions "highly persuasive".

It was a Liberal government which in 1983 entered into a highly controversial, five-year agreement with the Americans permitting experimental flights of unarmed Air-launched cruise missiles (ALCMS) over northern Canada.

The present Conservative Government, citing alliance obligations, has pledged to abide by the accord, while condemning the recent US breakout from the strategic weapons ceilings imposed by the American-Soviet Salt II treaty. The US action has exposed the Tories to considerable opposition ridicule, since it was precisely in the area of ALCMS that the US breakout occurred.

Europeans review defences

Brussels (Reuter) — European Nato defence ministers met yesterday to review conventional forces and armaments co-operation, issues that officials said had taken on added significance after the Reykjavik summit.

Ministers and deputies from 12 member states of the alliance's Eurogroup — all the European allies barring France and Iceland — gathered as Western governments show increasing concern over what they see as the Soviet bloc's superior strength in conventional forces.

Nato diplomats expected the ministers, who were due to have further informal talks last night, also to discuss the US breach last week of the Salt 2 superpower treaty limiting strategic arms, a move condemned by virtually all the allies.

The Europeans seemed certain to voice their disapproval when they meet the American Secretary of Defence, Mr Caspar Weinberger, today, though US officials regard the breach of Salt 2 as a dead issue.

Alliance limitations in conventional strength compared with that of the Warsaw Pact have suddenly started preoccupying the Europeans as they envisage a future with reduced reliance on American nuclear weapons.

Churches fight sex education

From Christopher Thomas, New York

A battle against compulsory sex education in New York City's 922 schools will be launched from the pulpit on Sunday, pitching the churches into an intensely emotional encounter with City Hall.

In a city renowned for every kind of prurience, the debate until now has been peculiarly sombre, as though parents have been embarrassed to find their children's sex lives under such scrutiny.

But the debate has finally burst into a passionate row. Opponents of sex education have been further outraged to discover that, without their knowledge, the Board of Education quietly voted to permit school-based health clinics to prescribe contraceptives for a six-month period, ending next April. The vote was 5-2.

If that was not enough it also became known that the clinics have, in any case, been prescribing contraceptives for well over a year under "comprehensive health care" programmes. The idea for school-based health clinics stemmed from a 1984 initiative to provide care to teenagers who did not have access to private physicians.

There are now 12 clinics, which say that only 10 per cent of their services are sexually related. At two of the clinics contraceptives, and not just prescriptions, were dispensed. They argue that the statistics prove that teenage girls who have access to contraceptives and counselling at school clinics are less likely to get pregnant.

The Board of Education last month ordered that sex education be given from September, 1987. Besides the argument about the issue in general, there is also disagreement about the curriculum. One book, *Learning About Sex, The Contemporary Guide for Young Adults*, has already been removed because it states, in obvious error, that anal intercourse is not medically dangerous. The edition was produced in 1977, long before the Aids crisis.

The error was pointed out by a lawyer who works for the Catholic Archdiocese of New York. A coalition of church leaders has been formed by the archdiocese, including members of other faiths, to begin campaigning against the curriculum during Sunday services.

High schools will be free to pick and choose what they want from the curriculum. Private surveys have shown that it is out of date and incomplete.

Several organizations that support the courses admit that bungling in preparation of the curriculum has been embarrassing. "There are some holes." Planned Parenthood said, "but think what it was like before this mandate. Some children were getting no information".

More than one million American girls aged 10-19 (about one in 10) become pregnant each year, one of the highest rates of any developed country.

South African house raids

White opponents of conscription seized by police

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African security police have arrested at least 13 white campaigners against military conscription in raids on homes in Johannesburg and Cape Town. They are being held under the emergency regulations.

Twelve other members of the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) were briefly detained and then released after being served with orders restricting their activities. A number of other political activists were also restricted.

The ECC's national secretary, Mr David Shandler, described the police action on Tuesday night as "grossly counter-productive to finding solutions to the problems in our country".

He said that 60 of the organization's members had been detained during the state of emergency. None had yet been charged.

The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference said it could only "question yet again the motives of the South African Government in silencing voices of peace".

It fully supported "the ECC's aim to demilitarize our society". Seven of those arrested are Catholics.

Among those detained were Miss Clare Verbeek and Miss Paula Hathorn, chairmen of the ECC's Johannesburg and Cape Town branches, and Mr Steven Lowry, its national treasurer. Johannesburg ECC members were arrested while attending a regular fortnightly meeting.

Other activists restricted, together with ECC campaigners, included Mr Azhar Cachalia, the national treasurer of the United Democratic Front; Mr Ashwin Shah of the Transvaal Indian Congress; and Mrs Dawn Ingles of the Black Sash, the civil rights group run by white women.

They are prohibited from campaigning for an end to conscription: for the removal of troops from black townships: for the release of detainees: for an end to the state of emergency: and for the lifting of the ban on the African National Congress.

The restriction orders also forbid participation in the ECC's yellow ribbon campaign, in which the organization, banned under the state of emergency from openly opposing military service, has tried to publicize its cause by encouraging sympathizers to tie ribbons to trees and lamp-posts.

The ECC was formed about three years ago and enjoys considerable support on university campuses.

The issue of military service has been sharpened by the large-scale use over the past two years of white conscripts to suppress unrest in black townships.

Official sensitivity was reflected earlier this year when the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, refused to give Parliament the number of young whites who failed to report for military duty, saying the information could be "misused".

It is estimated that there are about 7,000 draft evaders living in Europe and America. Under South African law, all white males between 18 and 25 must do two years' military service, and are liable to be called up for another 720 days of periodic camps over a period of years.

The scope for conscientious objection is limited. Under an amendment to the Defence Act earlier this year, objectors must convince a specially convened board that their attitude is dictated by their belief in God or a supreme being.

Those accepted as conscientious objectors have to perform alternative community service.

Fraga tries to explain resignation

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Manuel Fraga gave an explanation to members of his right wing group in the Spanish Parliament yesterday on why he has resigned "irrevocably" from leading the Opposition before taking a seat among his backbenchers.

To emphasize his resolve taken in the wake of election defeats, Señor Fraga, aged 64, declined to answer parliamentary reporters' questions.

Señor Fraga said: "Gentlemen, I am not going to speak any more as spokesman for the party or to make general observations on policy to you." He has indicated that he wishes to stay in public life for the rest of the present Parliament, elected in June.

But while the hard political facts explain the situation and many of the contenders for Señor Fraga's place began their behind-the-scenes manoeuvring, many of the party faithful evidently still cherish the idea of persuading Señor Fraga to return.

The MPs accepted his resignation yesterday as chairman of the Popular Alliance Party which now numbers only 68, plus the 12 still faithful MPs of the right-wing Liberal Party.

Señor José Segurado, its chairman and a Madrid businessman, has taken over temporarily as head of the parliamentary group.

At the June general election Señor Fraga's right-wing coalition mustered 105 seats against the Socialists' 192. Señor Gerardo Fernández, chief minister in Galicia, has assumed a caretaker role as Popular Alliance chairman.

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Aquino demotes minister

From David Watts, Manila

A leading left-wing member of President Aquino's Government has been dismissed, the third minister to go in the continuing series of changes.

But though Mr Aquilino Pimentel loses his position as Minister of Local Government, he will retain Cabinet rank as an adviser on national affairs.

His place is taken by Mr Jaime Ferrer, who is well known in Philippine politics for his resistance to martial law when it was introduced by President Ferdinand Marcos in 1972. Mr Ferrer was in the now defunct Parliament representing an anti-Marcos party.

The President's spokesman said that two ministers were to be replaced in yesterday's announcement.

The single change is raising speculation that either Mrs Aquino is having difficulty finding replacements for the ministers she must dismiss or is unwilling to go through with all of the changes that the military has been demanding.

Mrs Aquino said she would announce further changes later, and Mr Augusto Sanchez, the Minister of Labour, said he believed that he would be dismissed soon.

Mr Pimentel, who is from the southern island of Mindanao, said as he left the Malacanang Palace: "The pressure was too much to bear. There appears to be a call for blood. It might as well be my blood and not hers."

The calls, he said, came from Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the former Defence Minister, who was himself dismissed nine days ago, and General Fidel Ramos, Chief of Staff of the armed forces.

Paris terror suspect threatens judges

Paris (Reuter) — One of the accused in the murder trial of alleged Action Directe urban guerrillas yesterday refused to recognize the Assize Court and threatened reprisals against the judges and jury.

Régis Schleicher, aged 29, believed by police to be a founder of the extreme-left group, declared as the trial began amid massive security precautions: "I do not recognize that this court has any right to judge me. All those sitting here will expose themselves to the rigours of proletarian justice."

He then asked the presiding judge: "I would like to know how long you are going to protect them?"

M Schleicher is on trial with two brothers for the killing of two plain-clothes policemen in Paris on May 31 1983.

The hearing was scheduled to last 10 days. It began just two weeks after Action Directe admitted the murder of Georges Besse, the Renault chief.

Justice sources said the minimum quota of 23 potential jurors among the 35 selected for each assize session had been found only just before the hearing opened. The final jury will be composed of seven men and two women.

Of the 46 witnesses called to attend the opening session, only 23 turned up.

Police marksmen and sniffer dogs were on duty around the courthouse near Notre Dame cathedral as guards with metal detectors searched public and press entering the security perimeter. Justice sources said special protection had been arranged for judges, key witnesses and jurors.

Action Directe, which began operations in 1979 and now has close links with similar groups in West Germany, Italy and Belgium. It has claimed responsibility for 45 bombings over the past three years, two murders and two assassination attempts.

The other two accused are Claude Halfen, aged 30, and his brother Nicolas, aged 23. Claude is charged with M Schleicher with murder and attempted murder, and Nicolas is accused of complicity.

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When Cuomo does not sleep, neither do reporters

New York governor takes on the press

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The ill-tempered Mr Mario Cuomo, whose backaches have made big news as the possible source of his celebrated outbursts against the press, has taken to blasting journalists to their faces and, just as frequently, behind their backs to their editors.

"Spoiled" and "incompetent" are popular words in his tirades.

The battle between Mr Cuomo and the press is regarded by most journalists as a demonstration of the New York Governor's extraordinary sensitivity to criticism. He telephones editors day and night, and one evening recently called a *New York Times* reporter at home to complain bitterly about an article.

"You set out to hurt me and you succeeded. I hope you sleep well," he said. The next morning he phoned back to ask forgiveness for "an old man with a bad back".

Governor Cuomo: fending against editors.

The *Daily News*, the *New York Post* and *The New York Times* have been accused by Mr Cuomo of collusion against him on certain issues. He described them as a "cabal". He said he had been set up by an editor of the *Daily News* who had printed comments made in a private conversation.

"They will never get another call from me," he raged. "They can call me from a burning building and say: 'You are the captain of the Fire Department', and they will have to learn to fly."

Some journalists wrote that his aggressive campaign for re-election as Governor last month was overkill. Although clearly assured of victory, reporters said he wanted victory by a historic margin.

In a meeting with reporters it was suggested to him that his campaign made him look bad. "Let's get it clear," he retorted. "It did not make me look bad. You made me look bad."

A sure way of guaranteeing a Cuomo outburst is to suggest, as many repeatedly do, that his son Michael's New York law firm might have profited indirectly through his being governor.

Mr Michael Cuomo, aged 28, is not exactly a favourite of the New York press corps. When a reporter wrote an unfavourable story about the Cuomo administration earlier this year, Mr Michael Cuomo ensured that a rival reporter was given a scoop. "When you cut, you bleed," he explained.

Mr Michael Cuomo is the key insider in a tight circle that advises the governor on political strategy. A large number of advisers have been brought in to rebut criticism that the governor is too insular, but it is clear that none of them has really gained access to the inner circle.

Most of New York's newspapers endorsed Mr Cuomo in his re-election bid, but criticized his personality and his apparent sensitivity — to which Mr Cuomo replied that the press was too thin-skinned and could not take criticism.

In a recent speech on press freedom he said if news organizations did not curb their abuses, "the Supreme Court will get you in the end".

He threatened to reduce reporters' access to him, noting: "It's about time the press office did some work."

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Haitian troops clash with mob in slum hunt for rebel chiefs

From Alan Tomlinson, Port-au-Prince

Troops clashed with demonstrators in the rebellious northern port of Gonaives as Haitian authorities hunted for the leaders of a mob which looted shops and burnt houses at the weekend.

Slum-dwellers, trying to prevent the soldiers from arresting the fugitives late on Tuesday, erected barricades and set fire to car tyres. Shots were fired, seriously wounding one man.

The men the Army was looking for are some of those who led the popular uprising which toppled the 30-year-old Duvalier dictatorship earlier this year.

Chief among them is Mr Jean Tatoune, aged 29, who became a hero of Haiti's impoverished masses when he led unarmed paupers from the waterside slums of Gonaives's Raboteau district against President Jean-Claude Duvalier's brutal private militia, the now disbanded Tonton Macoutes, inspiring the nation to insurrection.

On Saturday Mr Tatoune, a handsome black man with a wound-scarred chest, led his mob against farmers who had barricaded the highway at the nearby town of L'Estere to block the delivery of contraband rice from the port to the capital.

What has been dubbed Haiti's "rice war" arose out of the re-opening of provincial ports by the caretaker Government which replaced President "Baby Doc" Duvalier in February.

Mr Duvalier routed most Haitian commerce through Port-au-Prince, where he could more easily exact the rake-offs for which his dictatorship was infamous.

Towns like Gonaives, 100 miles north of the capital, fell into decay with 90 per cent unemployment. The ports have come back to life with a flood of contraband from cars, cigarettes and electrical appliances to clothing and food, but the massive influx of cheap rice has crippled local growers.

Rice bought or stolen in the United States is sold here at almost half the price of the home-grown product. The Government banned it, intercepting boats and raiding warehouses, but still it flows in.

The rice farmers of Haiti's Artibonite valley took the law into their own hands, barricading the northern highway, searching trucks, beating up drivers and spilling their merchandise into the road.

Truckloads of jobless Raboteau slum-dwellers who have been living off the contraband, *begging or coercing tribute* from the boats docking at Gonaives, descended on L'Estere with clubs, machetes, underwater harpoon guns and revolvers.

In the pitched battle that followed one man died — some reports said three — and dozens were wounded.

*The Gonaives mob re*treated, looting shops, burning and damaging the homes of farmers and reportedly raping their wives and daughters.

The local prefect issued a warrant for the arrest of Mr Tatoune and three other ringleaders, known as Jo Lucie, Flovel and Little Jack.

As troops looking for them combed the mud huts of Raboteau, the poorest part of the poorest town in Haiti, the mob barred their way.

The Army said later it had made several arrests but did not name those detained.

In the capital, political groups which had planned to gather at Gonaives on Friday, to create a national democratic congress as a potential alternative government for Haiti, postponed the meeting, averting for the time being a serious new challenge to the interim regime of General Henri Namphy, the armed forces' chief.

Mr Tatoune and his followers, who support the idea, had threatened to split the country in two by blocking the northern highway to all traffic in a bid to bring Namphy down.

The Government recently survived a general strike, an attempted coup and a boycott of elections for a constituent assembly, all with the same end in mind.

Castro warns of hard times on anniversary

Havana — Members of Cuba's armed forces, and more than a million civilian volunteers, took part in a parade in Havana yesterday (above, right) to mark the 30th anniversary of the guerrilla war launched by Fidel Castro against President Batista. It was the largest military parade in the country's history.

In a speech later at the closing session of the Cuban Communist Party Congress, *President Castro (above, left)* gave a warning that Cubans face economic hardships because of a 50 per cent drop in foreign currency earnings (AP *reports*).

He said the earnings were expected to drop from $1.2 billion (about £850 million) to $600 million. But he did not say when.

"We are going to have to be prepared for difficulties," he said, suggesting that Havana might not be able to meet its foreign debt repayment schedule.

He said a prolonged drought had cut export earnings from agriculture, while the reduction in world oil prices had depleted Cuba's export earnings from the petroleum it received from the Soviet Union.

Dr Castro was, none the less, in an exuberant mood and said that the country had made great strides during the 27 years of its revolution.

With a more active role by party militants, he said, Cuba would be able to overcome corruption, indiscipline and the labour problems that have stifled productivity.

Dr Castro, who spoke for almost 2½ hours to the more than 1,700 delegates, said he did not mind public discussions on the country's labour problems. In an obvious reference to Washington, he said he saw no harm in telling the nation's enemies into thinking that the revolution was a failure.

The congress, which reconvened on Sunday after a nine-month recess, adopted a programme for the next five years.

Israel court upsets minister

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israel's Minister of the Interior, the Orthodox Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, is contemplating resigning after losing a High Court battle to have the word "converted" inserted on the identification cards of all Jews born to non-Jewish mothers.

Rabbi Peretz tried to bring in the classification early this year after an American convert, Mrs Shoshana Miller, insisted that she had a legal right to an identification card as a Jew. She had been converted in Colorado Springs in a way not recognized by the orthodox community.

After losing the case on Tuesday, Rabbi Peretz issued a statement saying he was studying ways to avoid "possible mishaps" whereby non-orthodox converts were registered as Jews. In a television interview some weeks ago, he said that, if the judgement went against him, he would have to resign. He has been consulting other orthodox rabbis about his position.

Rabbi Peretz used his position in the Government to insist that all those holding what he said were "suspect" conversion certificates were to have them validated by the local orthodox rabbinate. This meant, in practice, that reform or conservative Jews needed to become orthodox before being allowed to register as Jewish.

Mrs Miller, who had been converted by a reform rabbi, opposed this and forced the year-long legal battle.

In his 14-page judgement Mr Meir Shamgar, the court president, said: "One may not see the term 'converted' or 'convert' as anything to do with the description of nationality as defined by law. There are not two nations, one Jewish and one converted."

Mr Menahem Elon, his deputy and a practising Jew, added that in his view the Interior Ministry was breaking *Halacha* (religious law) by trying to make a separate category.

Both the chief rabbis of the Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities had also spoken against the idea.

While the court ruling has upset the orthodox community, new figures now being studied by the executive of the World Zionist Organization show that the number of Jews in the world is rapidly decreasing. Professor Yitzhak Warszawski, of the Executive Demography Committee, who is preparing the figures, said that today's 9.5 million Jews worldwide would drop to eight million by the end of the century and six million by 2025.

Life jail for Israeli killers of taxi driver

Jerusalem (Reuter) — An Israeli court sentenced three Israeli Jews to life imprisonment yesterday for murdering an Arab taxi driver to avenge the killing of a Jewish cab driver.

Danny Eisenman, a policeman aged 26, Gil Fuchs, a 20-year-old soldier, and Michal Hillel, aged 24, a university literature student, were found guilty in Jerusalem District Court of premeditated murder.

They were accused of shooting Hamis Tutangi, an Arab cab driver, three days after the killing of David Caspi, a Jewish cab driver, in April 1985 in Jerusalem. Police are holding three Arabs in connection with Caspi's death.

Race to save Iraqi temples

Baghdad (Reuter) — Iraqi archeologists are working in a race against time to uncover two 6,500-year-old temples before they are submerged under the rising waters of the Tigris river.

The mud-brick temples were unearthed at the site of a huge dam being built on the riverbank at Eski-Mosul.

Tragic cable

Norristown, Pennsylvania (AP) — Mrs Rose Abell, sister of Mr Joseph Cicippio, the American hostage, died on Tuesday 20 minutes after her family sent a telegram asking that his Beirut captors let her "see or hear from Joe before she dies".

Biter bitten

Gondomar (Reuter) — Señor José de Lis, the right-wing mayor of this north-western Spanish town, has failed by eight votes to seven to get the cost of his £1,000 dentures included in the municipal budget.

Mafia trial in disarray over killing

From Christopher Thomas, New York

The "Pizza Connection" trial in New York, which has exposed extraordinary details *about Mafia drug dealing* and money laundering, was in disarray yesterday after the murder of a key defendant.

Mr Gaetano Mazzara, aged 51, was found on Tuesday on a Brooklyn street, his feet protruding from a rubbish bag. He was a sworn member of the Mafia.

His arrest last year was seen as a high point in co-operation between police in Europe and the US in trying to break up a massive Mob-run heroin business.

He had been on trial with 19 others for the past 14 months charged with drug dealing and money laundering behind the façade of a chain of pizza parlours in the Midwest and north-east.

Police said the organization had moved heroin worth $3.6 billion (£2.5 billion). He was freed on $1.5 million bail.

Mr Mazzara's lawyers had contended in court on Monday that his mysterious absence since the previous Wednesday was "involuntary".

As a precaution police over the weekend imprisoned other defendants in the case because of fears that they would abscond. The judge has now released them but tightened their bail conditions.

Judge Pierre Leval informed the jury of the death of Mr Mazzara but not the circumstances. He warned them not to watch the television news or read the newspapers.

"I am putting great faith and confidence in you that you will follow my instructions," he said.

Defence attorneys for the other defendants yesterday submitted motions to abandon the trial.

Police said they knew of no motive for the killing.

They had a particularly strong case against him because, they said, he had been observed piling money and drugs into the boot of his car.

Argentina to end torture hearings

From Eduardo Cué, Buenos Aires

The Argentine Government is preparing to bring in a law which will end the human rights trials which have caused serious discontent within the armed forces.

The so-called "final point" law will set a *yet-to-be-determined* time limit during which plaintiffs can take new human rights violations cases to court.

The new law *will not affect* cases already being processed. If the law is approved, 700 cases involving human rights violations would not come to trial.

General Camps: jailed over 'dirty war' cases.

The proposed law, which President Alfonsin believes is essential for the successful re*integration* of the armed forces into society, has deeply divided the country's political class, including the President's own Radical Party.

"To have a permanent conflict with the armed forces is a very high price for the Government to pay," a well-informed source said.

As the new *legislation* was being sent to Congress for consideration, General Ramón Camps, the former chief of the Buenos Aires province police during the war against terrorism, was sentenced to 25 years in prison after being convicted on 73 charges of torture.

The Federal Appeals Court, in a unanimous decision, also *sentenced four other former* police and military officers to prison terms ranging from four to 23 years. Two lower-ranking officers were acquitted of *all charges*.

General Ovidio Riccheri, who succeeded General Camps as police chief, was sentenced to 14 years for his *part in 20 torture cases and* Señor Miguel Etchecolatz, the former chief of investigations of the Buenos Aires province police, was sentenced to 23 *years for his part in 95 torture* cases.

The court refused to recognize the principle of due obedience, which had become the centrepiece *of the defence* case. The ruling is expected to have a big impact on at least one pending trial, which will take place regardless of the *Government's efforts to end* judicial proceedings against former military officers.

"Obedience is extremely important, but not more so *than the judicial process. In a* state of law, there is no superior authority than the law," the court ruled.

The court rejected defence *arguments that the methods* used by the military government were justified by the extent of the terrorist war against the state.

"We are not judging here the ends of the repression but rather the methods employed. They (the defendants) are not being judged for having been victorious but for the methods employed to arrive at such an end," the court said.

Sudan says Ethiopia aids guerrillas

From Charles Harrison, Khartoum

Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi, the Prime Minister of Sudan, has accused Ethiopia of giving sanctuary and military and political support to the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which for three years has been fighting a guerrilla war in the south of Africa's largest nation.

He says that the SPLA is now nothing more than a terrorist organization, as indicated by its destruction of a civilian airliner in August, with the loss of all 63 civilians on board, and that his Government will not negotiate with it to secure peace in the south.

Interviewed in the garden of his home here, he told *The Times*: "Until now, for diplomatic reasons, things have been left unsaid about our relations with Ethiopia. They have got to be said now.

"We think Ethiopia needs to review its policy and to accept the need for good neighbourly relations. The Ethiopians are supporting a movement that is clearly terrorist: they are concentrating on civilian targets."

Mr al-Mahdi took office in May, after a year's transitional government following the overthrow of President Nimeiry in 1985.

He is bitter about Nimeiry's policies, describing him as a dictator "who conducted himself like Louis XIV", piling up enormous debts for which Sudan is still trying to produce accurate figures.

The best estimates exceed £10,000 million, a crippling figure for a vast country with a population of only 20 million.

But Mr al-Mahdi is optimistic about the prospects for an agreement with the International Monetary Fund — a mission is now here for consultations — which will give his country a breathing space.

The war in the south lies at the heart of Sudan's political stability: continued fighting *can only make* the Muslim north more militant.

Mr al-Mahdi, however, says that his Government has overwhelming support and is stable and strong. He believes that his policy of "no capitulation" to the extreme groups in the south will bring results.

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Judges confirm death sentences on Sikh killers of Mrs Gandhi

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

With the Indian capital returning yesterday to normal after the spasm of violence during the past two days, three High Court judges rejected the appeals of the three Sikhs who conspired to assassinate Mrs Indira Gandhi.

The anti-Sikh mobs were restrained, and the curfew which had been imposed in the Old City was lifted for two hours as Mr Justice Ranganathan read the portion of the judgement which confirmed the death sentence to be carried out on Satwant Singh, the young police constable who emptied his Sten gun into the Prime Minister on October 31 1984, and his co-conspirators.

Extreme security measures were in force in the court as the judges filed in. Metal detectors guarded the doors, and large numbers of lawyers and journalists scrimmaged outside trying to gain entrance while the two-minute hearing went on.

The judges spoke from behind a screen of bulletproof glass, and the court room was searched thoroughly by a special security squad of Delhi police.

The three judges' statement runs for 643 pages and begins by describing the murder of Mrs Gandhi as "perhaps the most gruesome" of the assassinations of public figures this century.

They rejected the notion that hurt religious feelings provided an extenuating circumstance after the Army's seizure of the Golden Temple of Amritsar ordered by Mrs Gandhi. They also rejected the defence contention that the position of the victim as Prime Minister should not be taken into consideration.

In addition, the judges recalled the days of rioting that followed Mrs Gandhi's death and insisted: "Not only did the assassins kill Mrs Gandhi but they were also responsible for triggering off riots resulting in loss of property and people."

The High Court bench began the appeal proceedings in February soon after the end of the trial.

The other two accused were Balbir Singh, a police inspector, and Kehar Singh, an uncle of Satwant. They all still have the option of a further appeal to the country's Supreme Court.

At the end of the hearing, Mr Ranganathan also directed that the clothing that Mrs Gandhi was wearing on the day she was shot should be handed over to the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust for preservation.

Meanwhile, Mrs Gandhi's son and successor, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, discussed the present upsurge of terrorist killing in Punjab with leaders of the parliamentary opposition parties. Not unnaturally, they failed to agree on what to do next, particularly since Mr Gandhi was unable to give much information about what his Government had in mind.

The Opposition leaders themselves were divided on the need for imposing presidential rule once more on the state, most parties firmly opposing the idea. Two, the Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party, and the Lok Dal which has a powerful presence in neighbouring Haryana, saw no harm in it.

Broader powers for Moi approved

From A Correspondent
Nairobi

President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya has increased his executive authority significantly as a result of constitutional amendments the Government rushed through Parliament earlier this week.

In a vote of 131 to 0, the National Assembly agreed to a Bill which Kenya's Attorney-General, Mr Justice Matthew Muli, said would "streamline" the Constitution.

In practice, the new legislation will remove certain obstacles which President Moi sees as delaying implementation of important government programmes.

One of the main changes in the Constitution is the abolition of the post of Chief Secretary, giving way to a head of the Civil Service with diminished powers. This should affect the successor to the present Chief Secretary, Mr Simeon Nyachae, who retires in February.

The post of Chief Secretary was itself created by an amendment to the Constitution in 1982. Although Mr Nyachae is a trusted confidant of President Moi, there has been a feeling that some senior civil servants have been using the established procedure of obtaining prior approval from the Chief Secretary for all kinds of decisions as an excuse for delaying implementation of some programmes.

Observers recall that, when the Chief Secretary's post was introduced, it was used by the now disgraced Kikuyu politician, Mr Charles Njonjo, then Attorney-General, to help build up a rival power base to the presidency.

One of the most ardent supporters of the new legislation debated in the National Assembly this week was Mr Peter Okondo, the Labour Minister in Mr Moi's Cabinet. Speaking in Parliament in 1983, a year after the post of Chief Secretary had been established, he accused Mr Njonjo of "sneaking in" his ally, Mr Jeremiah Kiereini, into this key post, while MPs were not realizing the implications of what they were doing.

Pointing out that, as the amendment creating the post had been tagged on to a Bill to create Kenya as a *de jure* one-party state, Mr Okondo said that for any MP to have queried the new post would have been seen as opposing the one-party state "due to the political climate at that time".

Besides the abolition of the Chief Secretary's post, the new legislation will enable President Moi to remove from office an attorney-general or an auditor-general like any other civil servant, as they no longer have their security of tenure guaranteed.

Bhopal's day brings big strike

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

A general strike called by the Communist Party of India marked the second anniversary of the Bhopal gas disaster which killed more than 2,350 people in the world's worst industrial accident.

Shops and markets were closed and most public vehicles were off the road as a series of processions organized by competing and quarrelling volunteer bodies wound towards the Union Carbide pesticide plant. It was from there, two years ago, that a deadly cloud of methylisocyanate gas spread over the town.

A torchlight procession began the anniversary late at night, and early yesterday morning a cycle contingent led by Mr David Bergman, a British volunteer formerly arrested and charged with spying, arrived from Delhi.

Other processions carried effigies of Mr Warren Anderson, chairman of Union Carbide, and garlanded them with necklaces of sandals before ritually burning them.

About 150 police guarded the plant and regulated the processions with specially built barriers.

Couple too fat to adopt

Sydney — Michael and Sue Murnane, above, claim they have been banned from adopting a baby because they are too fat (Reuter reports).

The Murnanes said the Government had told them that they should each shed at least 55 lb before adopting a child.

But a Government spokesman said that the Murnanes wanted to adopt a baby from Sri Lanka or South Korea where strict laws applied.

"As far as I know it's the first time ever a couple has been refused permission to adopt because they were overweight but the provision has always been there," he said.

Mrs Murnane, aged 39, a nursing assistant, weighs 202 lb, while her husband, 29, a boilermaker, weighs 198 lb. The couple said they were judged to be almost 30 per cent overweight, but otherwise were in perfect health.

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Refusing to be too sensible

Peter Ormrod, director of *Eat The Peach* which opens in London this week, broke all the rules for cinematic success. Interview by Simon Banner

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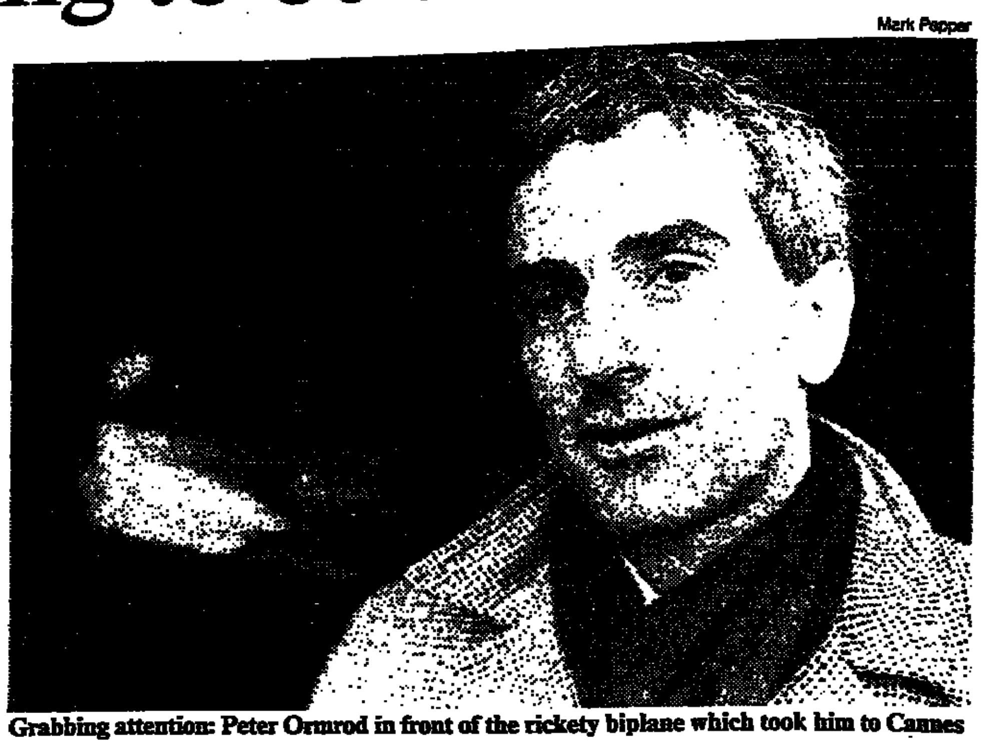

Grabbing attention: Peter Ormrod in front of the rickety biplane which took him to Cannes

"I think I broke the record for a flight to Cannes," explains Peter Ormrod, film director, standing beside the rickety-looking biplane which helped him do it. "Not for the fastest journey, though, but for the slowest, because it took five days." Those who travelled more conventionally and more speedily, however, were denied not only the pleasure of flying a part of the way in formation with a flock of flamingoes (bound for the Camargue rather than the film festival), but, once in Cannes itself, the promotional possibilities offered by a light aircraft as well.

Flying low over the beach each day in a biplane emblazoned with the title of his new movie, Eat The Peach, was obviously not a bad way of grabbing some attention, and the Irish-made movie premiered to a packed house, while more than 100 people had to be turned away.

We should not, however, expect any aerial stunts as a prelude to the release of *Eat The Peach*, which opens at the Plaza this week. For one thing, the plane is currently grounded following an unfortunate and unenvisaged landing in a field of garlic, and anyway, the director says, "I really believe that whatever the hype, you can't fill a cinema unless a film is good."

But *Eat The Peach*, a wryly-told story of strange goings on somewhere in the middle of rural Ireland, is one of the best comedies of the year.

Ormrod co-wrote as well as directed the film and clearly its heroes are two men very much after his own heart. These particular desperadoes risk life and limb by building a fairground wall of death in their back garden, but it could equally well, one feels, have been a biplane. "Well, yes," Ormrod says, "what I like about them and their enterprise is that they refuse to be too sensible. Being sensible is a dreadful curse, don't you think? But the great thing about them building this wall of death, is the obvious relationship between the desperation they feel and the desperate nature of the venture. They're stuck without cash, or much else for that matter, but long for some sort of opportunity to escape the limitations of their lives, and that's what the film is about: having the courage to grasp opportunities."

Like all the most improbable stories, the one at the centre of *Eat The Peach* is true, and dates, as the director explains, from the days when he first arrived in Ireland from England and went to work as a producer-director for RTE. "I was attached to a magazine programme," he recalls, "and I used to get sent all over the place digging out stories. One assignment was to go to the Midlands of Ireland, where, to be honest, there wasn't a lot happening.

"But then I went out driving one morning, and in the most unlikely setting I came across this huge, 60 foot high barrel, which looked like a gasometer and turned out to be a home-made wall of death. The man who had built it had even given up his job and sold land to fund the project which had fermented in his imagination ever since he had seen that Elvis Presley movie with the wall of death, *Roustabout*, on the television. His neighbours thought he was mad, of course."

Ormrod returned with a film crew and made a short piece about it for Irish television. But it was not until two or three years later, just after he had finished working on *In A Free State*, a highly acclaimed RTE and Channel 4 co-production about German spies in Ireland, that Ormrod's thoughts turned to the incident again.

"I went to a fairground and saw a wall of death," he remembers, "and suddenly it occurred to me that there was a story there which would make a great movie about enterprise and initiative and a desperate search for opportunity."

Ironically, this would also seem to describe the story of Ormrod's own struggle to bring *Eat The Peach* to the screen. Initially the idea was turned down by every prospective backer including Channel 4 and the Irish Film Board. "I began to feel that no one would give me money," Ormrod says, "but I believed there really was a good film there, so I decided to try a different tack."

A meeting with John Kelleher, an ex-boss of Ormrod's at RTE, led to Kelleher becoming producer of the projected movie and a rather spectacular solution to the problem of its financing: a share issue on the Irish stock market. Both large and small-scale investors put up a total of £1 million in return for shares in Strongbow, *Eat The Peach*'s production company, while, with Channel 4 also deciding to change its mind and step in with another half million or so, the film went into production.

"There's a lesson in that," says Peter Ormrod. "Of course it's unusual to have a stock issue to raise money for making a film, but then film-making is an unusual business. You might as well try anything. Who knows what will work?" The solution certainly worked not only for Ormrod, who got to make his film, but for investors in Strongbow as well.

Already *Eat The Peach* has surpassed all previous records for a home-grown production at the Irish box-office, and in the process has outperformed *The Purple Rose of Cairo* and *A Chorus Line* as well.

"I think people in Britain will enjoy the film very much," says Ormrod, "because even though any film has to be made essentially with its home market in mind, I'd say that with *Eat The Peach* we've also managed to describe an honest human situation which has universal characteristics. Apparently," he adds with a smile, "it's already going down well in Finland of all places, so we should be okay over here, shouldn't we?"

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THE ARTS 2

High preys

Channel 4 could easily afford to dissolve its links with the independent companies and go it alone. Or – as you were! – it could not possibly do any such thing. The mandarins of Charlotte Street might do worse than consider an heretical view advanced by a free-enterprise guru on last night's *The New Enlightenment*: "Groups can't create anything."

Presented by Professor Kenneth Minogue – a man whose close-set eyes balloon with despair at the mention of Herbert Morrison – this eulogy to the entrepreneurial spirit smacked a mouthful of nails into the coffin of state ownership. The free-wheeling creativity of independent con-

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cerns was held up for admiration; Hong Kong's low taxation was fulsomely lauded and Italy's high taxation routinely anathemized; and Akio Morita, the chairman of Sony, was all but canonized.

What made it of interest was the news that the series is funded by a right-wing organization – a circumstance which would surely have been unthinkable when the channel first opened to "pluralistic" fanfares. But the real eyebrow-raiser for the consumer was its status as last night's only fresh offering worth a thought.

Four years ago, it was promised that Channel 4 would not simply be "ITV2". With so many ITV repeats, however, the channel often does resemble a sort of foundlings' home for recycled material.

One of the repeats, at least, was worthwhile: Tony Palmer's Prix Italia-winning memorial to Benjamin Britten, *A Time There Was*. . . Britten himself was too stringently non-Bohemian ("always in and out the bath" reported his housekeeper) to be of abiding biographical interest, but even in his wheelchair the cheery old boy evinced a crinkly charm which this profile captured winningly.

In general, however, Channel 4 needs to pull up its pluralistic socks.

Martin Cropper

Dee Conway

Change partners and dance: Beauty (Maria Almeida) and the ill-fated Beast (Anthony Dowell) before his transformation

Jinx takes the title role

DANCE

Beauty and the Beast
Covent Garden

If, as some believe, there is a jinx on Covent Garden's new productions lately, it was working overtime last night at the premiere of *Beauty and the Beast*.

Anthony Dowell, playing the second of the title roles, suffered an injury only a few minutes into the ballet. He struggled on for a time but collapsed and the curtains had to be lowered.

There followed an unscheduled 25-minute intermission while Jonathan Cope put on costume and heavy make-up to take over and complete the performance. Sympathy and admiration there must be, not only for those two men but for the entire cast who refused to allow this to disrupt the whole-hearted way they put the work over.

On the other hand, the end product was such as to undermine faith in the old belief that the show must go on.

The chief objection must be to the soundtrack by Vangelis, performed on tape. I hope that Sir Claus Moser and Sir John Tooley, as they listened to this, literally synthetic, music regurgitated by the loudspeakers, had the grace to feel ashamed that what is supposed to be our leading music theatre should find time and money for such trash.

The less solemn parts of it repeat the amplified music box effects of the same composer's *Frankenstein*, but more offensively because that did not ask to be taken seriously.

The empty roarings meant for the beast's anguish are full of sound and fury, and we know what that signifies.

Wayne Eagling's production meanders self-indulgently along for a full hour. A little more than halfway through there is a passage for four men, which, without actually having any more real choreographic content than the sequences dancers might do at the end of a good class, does pack in so many spectacular (and sometimes dangerous) steps that it brings the house down.

Bruce Sansom starts it brilliantly and Simon Rice, Peter Abegglen and Errol Pickford successively increase the excitement.

That apart, there is nothing of much note in the choreography. Two characters representing the Sun and Moon have a duet which the audience only belatedly realized was meant as a parody; the back-breaking and clumsy movements it inflicts on its unfortunate practitioners (Cynthia Harvey and Stephen Jefferies) are far too close for comfort to what Beauty (Maria Almeida) and her transformed Beast are given at the ballet's end.

Elsewhere the protagonists go through all the obvious signs of suffering with unquestioning sincerity. A group of 20 black-faced supporters manipulate the props and are rewarded finally by a high-kicking number in black light. A mirror sequence allows Lesley Collier, who would have played Beauty had she been fit, to make a brief token appearance.

As with *Frankenstein*, Eagling has the stage effects working almost harder than the dancers and with more result.

Platforms go up and down, candles are repeatedly lit and extinguished, a revolving ball of mirrors (upheld by a second Moon in a swing) scatters light. He is not good on detail: one scene contains several black-outs to denote passing time, but the hands of the clock stay resolutely at seven although the pendulum ticks away.

For all his flamboyant theatricality, Eagling hardly bothers with the story, offering just illustrated scenes from the plot.

Luckily the illustrations are made handsome by the enlarged picture-book designs of Jan Pienkowski, helping to hide the banality and paucity of the dance arrangements. The transformations work smoothly, and the costumes, especially the Beast's hairy red and black one, are colourfully effective.

John Percival

Sculpted classicism

CONCERT

RPO/Masur
Festival Hall

As the elder statesmen among the present German conductors approach retirement, there are few musicians more obviously poised for inheritance than Kurt Masur, and none whose style of music-making is more solidly central to the German tradition.

His way with the classics is unfussy, almost to a fault. Broad lyricism and a warm blend of orchestral timbres are the hallmarks of his Beethoven. The long melodic phrases being deftly sculpted in the air, not with a baton, but with the open palm of the hand – one possible reason for the intermittent lack of this composer's rhythmic bite.

In the violin concerto Masur was paired with Kyung-Wha Chung: an imposing conductor, massive but gentle in build, pitted against a diminutive and firey soloist.

Even when there was clear agreement over tempo, these two artists have a fundamentally different approach to the music, with the soloist injecting a far higher degree of tension.

After a surprisingly uncertain opening Kyung-Wha Chung soon found her usual lithe energy. To the finale she added extra attack, poised almost like a cat ready to pounce on each next entry.

Indeed, the spring in the rhythm that she brought to the finale was not matched in the ballet that followed. But this performance of excerpts from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* did have real strength, both in Masur's appreciation of the music's substance and the fine response that he obtained from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. All departments of the orchestra sounded on good form.

The nine movements presented here gave us a different selection of Shakespeare's characters and events than the usual suites. In the circumstances it was probably just as well that Mercutio did not put in an appearance.

Richard Fairman

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Ties that bind: Susan Engel as the mother with Harry Towb

Neil Simon may not be America's Chekhov, but with this piece as with *The Cherry Orchard*, it is a great pleasure to drop in again to see how the family have been getting on.

As at its Lyttelton opening in February it is Simon's craftsmanship that first hooks your attention. Here are seven characters, all with their own intimate stories to tell, in a house where everybody is free to barge in to everybody else's room. As Simon handles it, there might be no technical difficulty at all. His *alter ego*, the 15-year-old Eugene, simply addresses the house in the role of a would-be writer airing his grievances to a sympathetic prosperity. For the others, who confide mainly in duologues, Simon has to clear the stage: but throughout the piece there is not a single unmotivated exit or flash-back speech.

Once the separate lines of action have been established they converge at the dinner table, with everyone trying to dump their problems in the lap of the over-worked father. But neither here, nor later in the piece where family comedy expands into ever-widening social circles, is there any sense that events are being manipulated. From first to last it is the characters who lead, develop, and earn ever-increasing affection.

The balance of Michael Rudman's production has been materially altered by the new casting of Susan Engel and Dorothy Tutin in the roles of Kate (the mother) and her dependent widowed sister Blanche. At the Lyttelton these had hard-surface performances: Kate as an exhausted home-builder who could hardly bring herself to utter a kind word; Blanche as a poor relation withdrawn into taciturn dignity.

With Miss Engel, Kate loses her shrewishness and irritability with the result that she leaves Eugene with nothing much to complain about. However, anyone casting Miss Engel is letting himself in for emotional generosity, and in her performance Kate emerges as the force that has held the family together. She is not good at nagging, but her anger on larger issues is tremendous. Miss Tutin's Blanche, likewise, loses her hard edge and appears as a once-pretty girl who now finds herself lost and going blind on the brink of middle-age. In her, you see frustrated rage rising up in a vulnerable character who has no means to express it. Their partnership, and in particular the bitter last act row, rings with painful truth; and this time they look like sisters.

Steven Mackintosh, Robert Glenister, Harry Towb and the rest of Rudman's company remain unaltered and on top form; and, as at the Lyttelton, Carl Toms's two-storey set of the crowded Jerome residence comes to life as an eighth member of the family.

Irving Wardle

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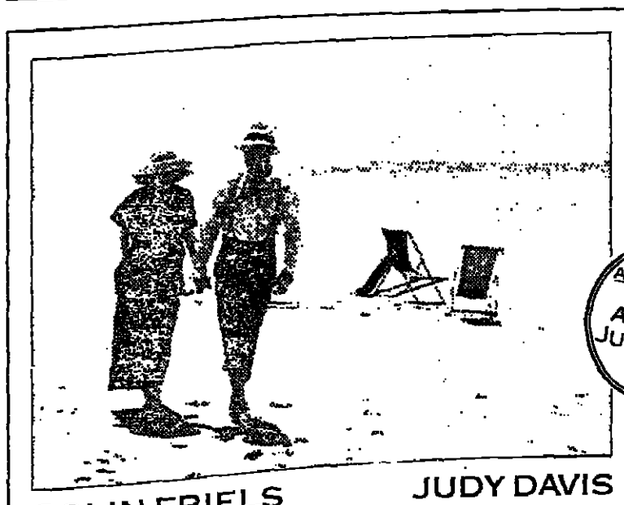

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Reagan's honest broker sweeps in

THE TIMES PROFILE

FRANK CHARLES CARLUCCI III

Small, neat, bespectacled and coolly efficient, Frank Charles Carlucci III is President Reagan's fifth National Security Adviser in six years. In itself that says something about the difficulty of the job, whose four previous holders — Richard V. Allen, Judge William Clark, Robert McFarlane and Admiral John Poindexter — have all left under a cloud.

He takes office not only at the low point of the Reagan Administration, as the President and his advisers struggle to contain the surging Iran arms crisis, but also when the National Security Council itself is under intensive scrutiny. It is a daunting challenge. Few doubt, however, that Carlucci will rise to it.

A former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, a career diplomat who played a vital role in preventing Portugal going communist, a White House aide and a deputy secretary of defence, he has that almost unique blend of experience to enable him to hold the ring in the chronic squabbles between the various cabinet departments, using his knowledge of each to mould a unified policy which can be put to the President. All agree that the NSC is at the eye of the Iran storm. If Reagan is to weather it, he must be kept afloat by the unsinkable reliability of his new National Security Adviser.

Senior officials welcomed his appointment, saying he was just what they needed. "He's going to be an honest broker, who will give the NSC a greater direction and a stronger role," one said.

The strengths that tipped the balance in his favour — against other front-runners such as David Abshire, retiring US ambassador to Nato, and William Hyland, editor of the influential *Foreign Affairs* journal — are his political impartiality and corresponding ability to work as a senior civil servant in the British mould.

This comes from his long career in government and in the diplomatic service, mostly in Africa, and his experience of having worked for both the Republicans and the Democrats, in the Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan administrations. Like most senior figures in American government, he has also done a spell in business — as chairman of the recently dissolved Sears World Trade, a failed attempt by Sears Roebuck to boost foreign sales, and as head of his own consulting firm, International Planning Analysis Centre.

Carlucci, a graduate of Princeton University, saw war service in Korea, where he was a naval gunnery officer. He then joined the Foreign Service, and while serving in Africa in 1960 was the victim of a stabbing in the Congo during the crisis there, when he rescued a carload of Americans from a mob. He also served in Zanzibar and as political officer of the US embassy in Brazil.

His career in domestic government began in 1971 when he became director of the Office of Economic Opportunity under President Nixon. The following year he became deputy director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, then run by Caspar Weinberger. A close bond was forged between the two men that led to his serving again under Weinberger in the Pentagon, and to the Defence Secretary's strong backing for him as National Security Adviser.

One of his more visible posts was in 1974, when President Ford appointed him Ambassador to Portugal. It was a difficult job, demanding a delicate balance of tact, toughness and nerve. Portugal was engulfed in the turmoil following the revolution that got rid of Caetano and the Salazar legacy. But in the euphoria, the country drifted steadily leftwards, with radical military officers outbidding each other to propose ever more drastic reforms. The civilian government of Mário Soares appeared to lose control of events, and by 1975 there seemed a real threat that the communists, organized and powerful, would make a bid for power.

The President's National Security Advisers tend not to last long: will new-broom Carlucci buck the trend?

The general feeling was strongly anti-American and anti-Nato, and Carlucci was denounced by many Portuguese as the personification of American interference. But in fact he worked hard behind the scenes to prevent Dr Henry Kissinger, then Secretary of State, from adopting an ever harsher policy towards Lisbon. Kissinger had written the country off, and wanted to halt US aid. Carlucci, working closely with Helmut Schmidt, then Chancellor of West Germany and a close ally of Soares, helped arrange desperately needed financing for Portugal's Social Democratic Party, which finally prevailed against the communists.

The Democrats also turned to Carlucci to get them out of a difficult situation. Morale at the CIA was low. The agency had repeatedly been pilloried in Congress for past excesses and for illegal covert operations. President Carter was determined to clean things up, and had appointed Admiral Stansfield Turner to head the sprawling organization. In 1978 Carlucci was chosen as his deputy.

"Carlucci was very astute in dealing with Congress," Admiral Turner recalls. It was a critical role, as the CIA tried to repair the battered relations with Capitol Hill and re-establish the trust and secrecy necessary both for the proper oversight of the CIA's activities and for the agency to function effectively.

Mollification will again be a key component of Carlucci's new role, as the Administration fights to prevent Congress, in its indignation at the recent capers of the NSC, so circumscribing the Council's role that it would no longer be a useful tool of government for the President.

After Reagan was elected in 1980, he appointed Weinberger to the Pentagon. Weinberger made it a condition of his own job that Carlucci become his deputy. Carlucci was strongly opposed by the conservatives and those raring to usher in the Reaganite right-wing revolution, who saw him as a pragmatist, too closely associated with previous governments. But he got the job, and stayed a year until he left in 1982 to join Sears World Trade.

Born in Pennsylvania, twice married, with three children, Carlucci is a man who has not sought the limelight. He is a quiet, but effective operator — the consummate No 2, as one commentator put it this week. That might have been a handicap in the old NSC, which was expected to play a large part in coordinating and formulating foreign policy, with the Security Adviser himself mediating and forcing consensus with the strength of his own personality. But things have changed.

Reagan has made it clear that in the wake of the Iran fiasco, the NSC is to go back to being purely an advisory and coordinating body. It has been forbidden to carry out any actual operations while the Tower commission looks at its role in foreign and security policy. The NSC does not now need a man with big political ambitions of his own. It needs someone willing to stand back, take a cool look at what he is running, and implement the organizational changes.

"He has some standing in the White House. He's not going to be treated as a clerk, and I'm sure he will have a greater input in the day-to-day policy than his predecessor," an official said.

Certainly Carlucci is better attuned politically than Vice-Admiral Poindexter, whom he succeeds. He would never be caught, like Poindexter, writing a damaging memorandum advocating a campaign of "disinformation". He knows the need to cultivate the links to Congress, and has enough contacts in a variety of government agencies still to know how to cut through the bureaucracy that so often overwhelms American government.

His weakness, it appears, is a lack of business acumen. When he was appointed to Sears World Trade it was already failing. He tried to focus the company on consumer goods, but losses persisted and it closed with considerable debts. Given the embarrassing ability of Colonel Oliver North and perhaps others at the NSC to turn political arms deals into business ventures that kept the Contras in funds, this handicap might now seem a positive advantage for Carlucci.

Michael Binyon

BIOGRAPHY

1930: Born, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Educated Princeton University and Harvard Graduate school of Business. War service in Korea.
1954: Married Jean Anthony (divorced 1974). One son, two daughters.
1955: Joined Jantzen Company, Portland, Oregon.
1956: Foreign Service Officer, Department of State.
1957: Vice-consul, Johannesburg. Later service in Kinshasa, Zanzibar, Rio de Janeiro.
1969: Joined Office of Economic Opportunity.
1971: Office of Management and Budget.
1973: Under-Secretary, Dept of Health, Education and Welfare.
1974: Ambassador to Portugal. Married to Marcia Myers.
1977: Deputy director, CIA.
1981: Deputy Secretary of Defence.
1982: Joined Sears World Trade.
1986: National Security Adviser.

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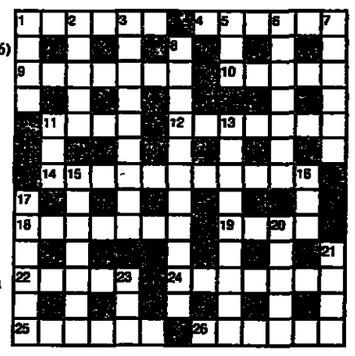

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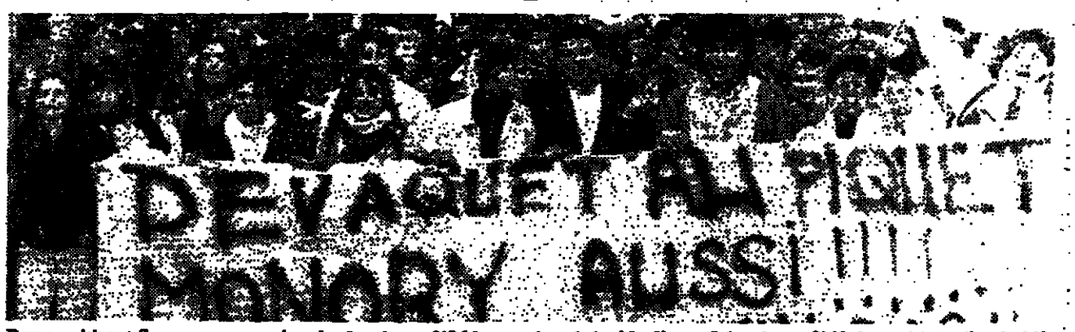

Power without flowers: pragmatism in the class of '86 has replaced the idealism of the class of '68, but will the line hold?

Some are already talking of one million demonstrators in the streets of Paris today. Others, more cautious, speak of at least 500,000. At all events, the protest against the government's Bill to reform the universities is almost certain to be the biggest student demonstration since the great upheavals of May 1968.

But this is a new breed of student protestor. Dubbed the "moral generation", they are apolitical and pragmatic, and they want nothing to do with the long hair and nihilism of an age before they were born. Violence is out, Marx is dead. Political fellow travellers — trade unions, communists — will join the march today but are being kept to the back, out of the limelight.

The sharp shift by today's youth away from the extreme left positions of their predecessors is clear from their voting patterns in the last general election in March: 38 per cent of the 18 to 25-year-olds voted for the conservative RPR-UDF coalition, 40 per cent for the socialists, 9 per cent for the extreme right National Front, and only 6 per cent for the Communist party.

However, the students are no less determined than those of 1968. They believe the Bill will lead to university entrance by selection, though the government denies this. Anyone with the *baccalauréat* — roughly equivalent to a British A level — has in theory a guaranteed right to a university place and the government wants to increase the proportion of students obtaining the *"bac"* from 40 per cent to 80 per cent, mainly based on figures showing that whereas 40 per cent of school leavers are still out of work nine months after leaving, the proportion of jobless graduates is only 14 per cent.

The government denies the change will mean selection, saying the entrance methodology will be left to individual universities. But already the government, worried by the strength of the protest — most universities have been on strike for a week — has handed the students a minor, but significant, victory by agreeing to withdraw the Bill temporarily, sending it back to committee for "clarification" and amendment following the first mass demonstrations all over France a week ago.

The students are not placated. "If there's a big enough turn-out on Thursday, we can win", one student leader said. "The government is seeking to calm us, but our discontent runs much deeper than that. The democracy of the universities is at stake. The fact that the government has already begun to pull back means we can win a complete victory."

M Jacques Chirac, the prime minister, went on television on Sunday to bemoan "misunderstandings" surrounding his Bill, and to protest that the government had no intention of introducing selection or of creating a new hierarchy of universities by allowing them to grant their own degrees and to charge differential registration fees. His reassurances flopped.

"He takes us for fools", Isabelle Thomas, one of the student leaders, said. "Does he think the students don't know how to read and study his Bill? We are not going on strike for the sake of it; we want our degrees. But we want the withdrawal of the Bill."

A split is opening up, however, between hardliners who want a continuation of the strike, with occupation of buildings where possible, until the Bill has been totally abandoned, and moderates who want to find a compromise and get back to their studies.

A terrorist by the tail

Clive Nicholls

Disarmed to the teeth: the catch-all order goes out to save all fish from this fish

Twenty-three years ago on a misty Fenland morning, 97 fish, each approximately 10 inches long, were introduced to the peaceful, mirror-calm waters of Norfolk's Great Ouse Relief Channel, a deep man-made trench slicing the table-flat countryside like a submerged railway cutting.

The infant fish were zander and the water bailiffs who introduced them had unknowingly lit the fuse of an ecological time bomb now exploding all over Britain. The sharp-toothed, fat-bellied descendants of those first fish are threatening to colonize river systems all over Britain, so much so that the Anglian water authority has reversed the normal call and told anglers: catch all you can.

The zander, farmed commercially on the Continent and regarded as delicious to eat, is a blood-thirsty killer both for food and pleasure, feeding on shoals of inoffensive roach and bream and several other species. And there is no telling what could happen if the zander got into salmon fisheries, which are worth millions of pounds.

Within five years of the zander's introduction to the Great Ouse Relief Channel, fish of 10lb and more were being caught. In 1977, a monster of 17lb 12oz was caught there. Anglers began to complain of declining roach and bream stocks.

Since then zanders have been caught elsewhere — in the Thames, the Suffolk Stour, the Severn and the Warwickshire Avon. Now there are reports of their appearance in the River Nene, Northamptonshire, and the River Glen in Lincolnshire. Their spread has not been entirely natural; a few unscrupulous anglers have illegally transferred them to new waters.

Mr Peter Cotton, general manager of the Water Authority's Oundle Division says: "We suspect they were introduced illegally by persons unaware of the damage this voracious predator can cause. This is an extremely dangerous thing to do; it can badly upset the fine balance between predators and prey." Zander originally came to England from Bothkamper Lake in Schleswig-Holstein and were used to stock enclosed waters at Woburn and elsewhere. But when the fish were introduced to the Relief Channel they were given the keys to a vast new kingdom — a territory with no frontiers.

Dainty dish though it may be, the zander, it seems, is a taste which Britain's waterways could have well done without.

Alan Bennett

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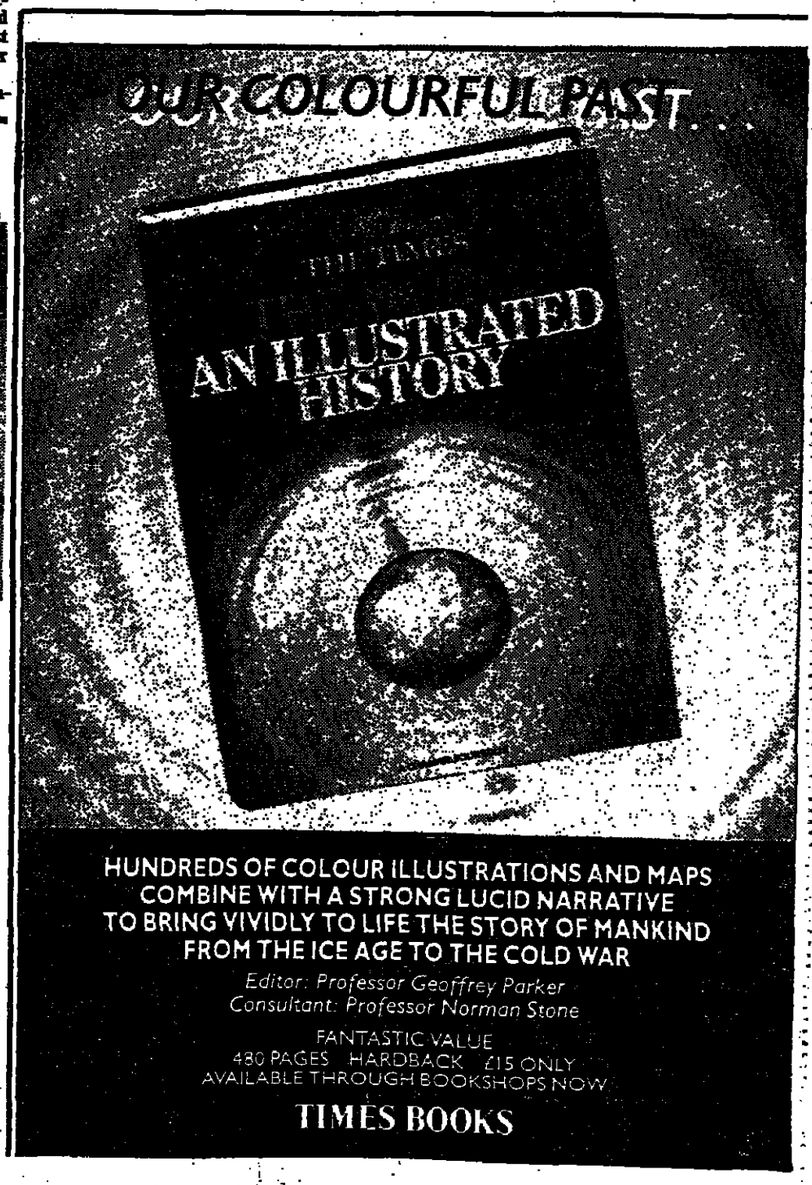


BOOKS

Change and decay in all around

Peter Ackroyd reviews the Prince of modern novelists: do you resist change or come to terms with it?

THE LEOPARD
With a Memory and two Stories
By Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa
Translated by Archibald Colquhoun
Collins Harvill, £10.95

To write a first novel at the *end of your life* looks like an inspiration; but to achieve worldwide fame as a result looks more like inadvertence, particularly when the author in question is Duke of Palma and Prince of Lampedusa. When it was first published in 1958, *The Leopard* disgusted modernists and left-wing writers alike (they are not always the same thing, especially in Italy), but it came as a revelation to everyone else: here was a Sicilian Prince mocking the achievements of the Risorgimento, attacking the liberals and the petit-borgeoisie, implicitly supporting the Bourbon regime, and somehow at the same time writing a masterpiece. It is as if, in this country, an elderly Duke had written a novel condemning the Reform Acts of the last century; given the generally brutish state of the British aristocracy, this is of course improbable. But the analogy suggests the fuss that this particular novel provoked.

The central character is a certain Don Fabrizio, a 19th-Century Prince not a million miles removed from *one of Lampedusa's own ancestors*. The novel opens in May 1860, just before Garibaldi's landing in Sicily, as Don Fabrizio waits with cynical patience for the destruction of the old order that he represents. By the end of the book, the narrative has moved forward to 1910: Don Fabrizio is dead, his old houses are essentially "relics", nothing more, but the condition of Sicily is no better and no more enlightened under bourgeois rule. In one of the many passages which have ensured this book's fame, a bureaucrat looks from his coach at the scarred and mournful visage of that island: "Under the ashen light, the landscape lurched to and fro, irredeemable." The poetry of Lampedusa's novel flows into the Sicilian countryside, but it is the poetry of exequy and not of celebration.

His own Palace at Palermo was destroyed by Allied bombing in 1943, and this act of defilement haunted him for the rest of his life; but it was also the single most important source for this book. He created poetry out of his loss, and in *The Leopard* the old house rises once more – rebuilt, as it were, in the imagination. But from where does that imagination spring? In the short memoir that accompanies this novel, he describes his boyhood exploration of the great palaces that his family possessed, and in the process *it becomes clear that he is haunted* by these houses.

It is as if they took on, by some act of morphological resonance, the very shape of his own destiny (much the greater pity, then, that the publishers did not choose to include the photographs of those buildings which appeared in their earlier edition of *Racconti*). And before anyone begins to talk about the proprietorial nostalgia that afflicts decaying aristocrats, it ought to be pointed out that in Lampedusa's account there is as much loneliness as there is grandeur; he provides a rich catalogue of aesthetic objects; but also, and more powerfully, he evokes a succession of shuttered, empty, and forgotten rooms. And so it is that the 19th Century is seen to anticipate the condition of the 20th.

This identification with his subject also implies an identification with the entire period, of course; and one of the strengths of this book is the suspicion that it could have been written in the 1880s rather than in the 1950s. Lampedusa is filled with such an intense realization of the past that he is able effortlessly to recreate it: one can imagine him walking through the streets of Palermo, literally *seeing* everything as it was a hundred years before. That is how historical novelists become great.

His excellent translator, Archibald Colquhoun, suggests that the novel is also "impregnated with the transmuted spiritual yearning of a particular kind of artist, who is also a non-practising Catholic"; and indeed in its combination of the mystical and the humorous, in its displaced religious imagery, it bears all the marks of a lapsed Catholic who tries *to create a fictional world that will* rival the religious one he has abandoned. So if this is a novel about the processes of social change, it is also one about the nature of fatality; if it is an account of the Sicilian character and the recesses of that island's history, it is also an impassioned disquisition on the soul of one man.

Don Fabrizio is an amateur astronomer; and, at times of great anxiety, he goes back to his telescope and discerns the "timeless harmony" of the constellations. This is an historical novel; but one that takes time itself as its subject.

And so the reader receives the very strong impression that Lampedusa *has put into this book everything he* ever thought, or ever wanted to say. And that makes it curiously touching – touching because, despite its great artistry, it is in some ways a very innocent piece of work. Of course he was a highly cultured man – he even wrote an essay about Stendhal (not reprinted here, despite the publishers' claim to have collected *the whole oeuvre*) – but at the same time *The Leopard* has all the nervousness, the occasionally clumsy inclusiveness, and the enthusiasm of a first novel. Lampedusa seems not to have been altogether certain exactly what kind of "fiction" he was creating.

He died in 1957, not knowing that the book would ever be published, let alone that it would become one of the great examples of Twentieth-Century literature. And when one thinks of the Prince of Lampedusa, living in the ruins of an old order, obsessed with the past and relatively indifferent to the future, this does seem a curiously appropriate fate.

Oval Officitis and Factoids

THRILLERS
Tim Heald

SANTORINI
By Alistair Maclean
Collins, £9.95

NIGHT OF THE FOX
By Jack Higgins
Collins, £9.95

After more than 30 books one of the country's most distinguished old thriller writers has suffered a nasty and rather unexpected attack of Oval Office Syndrome. Readers of Mr Alistair Maclean will know that he is at his best on the *bridge of an indomitable* British craft fighting its way through stupendous seas. The crew – and part of the plot – will resemble one of those stories in which an Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, and a Welshman say or *do something incredibly* characteristic. They will be united, not only against the appalling gale, but also against a number of perfectly filthy foreigners – preferably Jerries.

Well the old boy starts off in the conventional manner. There's a map of the Eastern Med., with a lot of dots charting a voyage across the *Aegean, and the first sentence* conforms so absolutely to the Maclean stereotype that it needs to be savoured in its entirety:

An overhead broadcaster on the bridge of the frigate Ariadne crackled into life, a bell rang twice and then O'Rourke's voice came through, calm, modulated, precise and unmistakably Irish.

The author is clearly in fine fettle. Almost at once the Ariadne gets a Mayday signal from a sinking yacht, and a stricken American bomber falls into the sea two miles south of Cape Akrotiri. By page 24 the villains are on board. *How do I guess that* they're villains? Step forward Mr Andropulos – "He looked as if he hadn't shaved that morning but then, he would always look as if he hadn't shaved that morning"; and Alexander: "a tall man with a *thin, unsmiling face and black,* cold eyes"; and, finally, Aristotle with his "watchful eyes and a serious expression." These glassy-eyed, stubbly-jowelled Greek johnnies are obviously fearful rotters, and what's more they come bearing *the – marginal – sex in*terest. These are Irene ("wide green eyes") and Eugenia ("warm brown eyes"). Mr Maclean is one of English Literature's great eye specialists.

From now on however the book starts to flag. There are huge potential bangs on the ocean bed; a brilliant overweight Admiral arrives to take over; and some scientists join *in. There's a lot of rather inane* chatter, especially from the Admiral, who is given to "nodding imperceptibly", and saying: "A suitably chastened Admiral sits before you. We live, we learn."

I sensed something was wrong, but couldn't quite put my finger on it until page 174 when suddenly it was 5.30am, and *the President of the* United States was "showing every year of his age" in – you've guessed it – the Oval Office. Mercifully Mr Maclean doesn't tell us about the office furniture, but from that moment on I felt the book was doomed.

Some readers, notably unreviewed thriller writers, complain that reviewers spend too much time on books they don't much like. They would rather read about books the reviewer enjoyed. Would, of course, that there were more such books. But failing them (and fail they usually do), one has a duty to devote some time and space to those books that W.H. Smith are going to feature most prominently in their windows. A major part of any self-respecting reviewer's task is to cast doubt on the judgement of such arbiters of popular taste as W.H. Smith and Penguin books.

Hence I mention Mr *Higgins's latest work. Mr Hig*gins also starts with a map, but it is quickly clear that he is suffering from a nasty attack of Factoids. At the very beginning there is that tiny, but telltale, little disclaimer about how while, on the one hand *the Germans bla bla bla, on* the other "it must be stressed that this is a work of fiction" and bla bla bla. In addition to Factoids, Mr Higgins also has Jackboots on the Jacket, an unpleasant condition that gets serious on page 31, when Hitler "almost danced with delight", and said: "A bad morning for General Eisenhower, gentlemen."

The response to this is. "'Good news indeed, my Führer,' Goebbels said, and delivered his usual high laugh."

Ach so!

Light Yorkshire Puddings

FICTION
Gillian Greenwood

UNCLE MORT'S NORTH COUNTRY
By Peter Tinniswood
Pavilion, £7.95

THE WAY-PAVER
By Anne Devlin
Faber, £8.95.

THE PIER
By Rayner Heppenstall
Allison & Busby

It's a case of dog-eat-dog in the books here under review. Class, religion, geography, and gender negate the season of goodwill, and provide a battleground on which conflicts of varying degrees of seriousness are played out.

The lightest touch is that of Peter Tinniswood, whose *Uncle Mort's North Country is the* return to the popular Brandon family of his earlier novels. The book is made up of a series of comic dialogues between the remarkable Uncle Mort and his foil, the phlegmatic Carter Brandon, during *the latter's week off work.* The traditional northern day-trip takes them to the seaside, of course: but also on a visit to Arthur Scargill's gay twin brother, to the W. Tidy Museum of Living Northern Life, to several pubs, and a funeral.

Centre *stage is the* aged Uncle Mort, with an endless supply of anecdotes and outrageous one-liners, a sort of intelligent Northern Alf Garnett, whose prejudice extends to everyone save himself. It is on occasion reserved purely for *the South of* England, however: "'The sun – bloody thing,' said Uncle Mort...'It had no time for us here in the North, hadn't the sun. It were too busy ingratiating itself with all them bigwigs in the south'."

The Brandons are Yorkshire-based, and all the usual northern idiosyncrasies plus a *few unfamiliar ones are pre*sented with such a lack of sentimentality that the comedy occasionally turns black, as in the burial of "Young Chocolate". The comic balance between Uncle Mort and Carter Brandon is perfect, the consummate double-act.

Anne Devlin had a *succès d'estime* earlier this year with her play, "Ourselves Alone". In these stories, collected under the title *The Way-Paver*, she is using similar themes against the same background of recent years in Belfast. She is not, however, a polemical writer. Her preoccupation is with inner conflict, often manifested in dreams and suddenly recalled memories set against a harsh, naturalistic backdrop.

The stories are all written in the first person, and are in each case narrated by a woman. *They are questioning,* self-searching, moving within each story from a certain objectivity (like that of a character in "Passages":"The girl had a disconcerting habit of standing back and analysing her statements...thereby dismissing her *own assumptions*") towards a more intuitive knowledge of the futility of hoping for an answer.

A young woman lures a victim to his death on the Falls Road; another recalls the unexplained disappearance of her young brother 20 years before, the memory triggered by the smell of oranges; yet another, a Catholic, returns to Belfast to live with her Protestant boyfriend, only to be hounded out. In each case the past creates the future. Not only *in an obvious* historical sense, but through some fateful subconscious force by which the characters unwittingly manoeuvre themselves.

Ms Devlin writes in a simply lyrical style, sometimes so simple that a touch of *naïvety* decends on her prose. Her great strength is dialogue and character, which are seen to best effect in "Naming the Names", where a strong sense of place allows a bustling street life to contrast well with the tortured, lonely stance of *its dangerous* narrator.

The Pier was Rayner Heppenstall's last book. He died in *1981* and has been described by C.P. Snow as "The master eccentric of English letters". It is interesting to note that C.P. Snow's last novel was a splenetic murder story, in which he indulged an old man's irritation at modern *life rather unsuccessfully.* By the side of *The Pier*, however, C.P. Snow's *A Coat of Varnish* is quite benign.

An elderly author, Harold Atha, becomes so irritated by his squalid, modern, working-class neighbours that he at first plans a literary revenge on them, and then acts out his plot to massacre almost the entire family. There are moments in the book when the frustration of the old man, whose selfishness is confessed, and whose mania for order is acknowledged, is touchingly described; and one wishes with him that he could find the courage to kill himself. But selfishness unredeemed by charm is unacceptable; and Mr Heppenstall has encountered the classic difficulty of creating a character so unpleasant that it is difficult to care about his predicament.

The prose is clearly written by a craftsman, although his "startling particularity of observations" seems an endless cataloguing of detail appropriate to the narrator, but tedious to the reader, as is the narrator's snobbery, which borders on the offensive. Perhaps *The Journals of Rayner Heppenstall*, which are also published this week, will shed *some light on this final* outburst.

Tomb or mile stone?

SCIENCE FICTION
Tom Hutchinson

EON
By Greg Bear
Gollancz, £10.95

This is a monumental achievement. With only his second science fiction the author leaps into the realms inhabited by the great and the good. An infamous last blurb claims that with this book "the whole SF genre is redefined and enlarged." Not quite, not quite. But rarely have hardware and entertainment been so perfectly interlocked in the literary genre that depends on combining business with pleasure.

Above our planet hangs a hollow Stone, vast as the imagination of Man. Space-time expert Patricia Vasquez is sent to join the many scientists working there to try to discover its origins. Tardis-like, *the inner dimensions* are at odds with the outer; pyramid-like, there are chambers to be breached, some containing deserted cities: one chamber goes on for ever.

But the Stone is not an alien structure. It comes from the past/future of our humanity. Tombstone or milestone, the war that breaks out on the *earth beneath its presence* seems to bear witness to its prowess as oracle.

The concepts examined here are dizzying and complex; but Mr Bear's grasp of his narrative is secure and commanding. We read on, not least because the characters are never upstaged by ideas. It is a work of remarkable vision *and total control. Arthur* C. Clarke has his most formidable rival yet in the field of epic SF.

● **Isaac Asimov's Choice** *(Hale, £10.95).* Mr Clarke surfaces in this alarmingly joyous collection with his first short story for five years, "Quarantine" – it is also one of the shortest ever. Valued here, too, is a wonderful pastiche on Agatha Christie by Barry Malzberg, "The Several Murders Of Roger Ackroyd." Delight of many dimensions.

● **Best SF Of The Year, 15**, edited by Terry Carr *(Gollancz, £10.95).* More sobersided tales, but of a most readable worth, especially as the book contains Robert Silverberg's haunting "Sailing To Byzantium" as well as the editor's *timely comments on* series-novels.

● **The Venus Hunters**, by J.G. Ballard *(Gollancz, £8.95).* A seance of wondrous hallucinations which first appeared in several paperbacks, here are gathered in a hardback of glimmering fantasy. My favourite: "Now: Zero". in which the author commands the reader's death. That's... not... very... funny... is...

Snowy's last bark

Tintin chasing Snowy down the most influential strip cartoon of the century into art history

Martin Spence

TINTIN ET L'ALPH-ART
By Hergé
Casterman, £25

THE VALLEY OF THE COBRAS
By Hergé
Methuen, £4.95

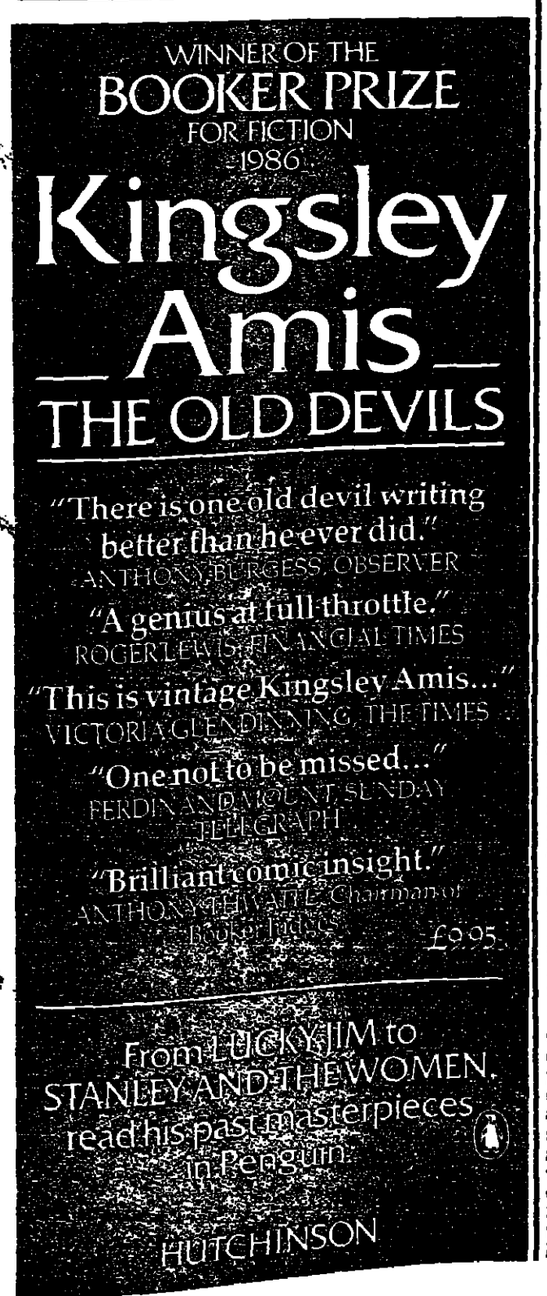
THE TINTIN GAMES BOOK
By Hergé
Methuen, £3.95

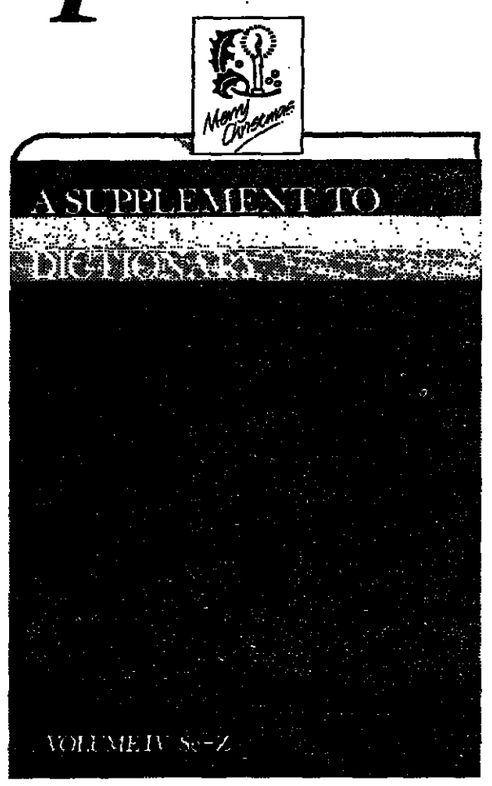
Hailed in France as a latter-day Tibetan Book of the Dead, *Tintin et l'Alph-Art*, the album *that* Hergé was working on when he died, is published at last. Although skeletal, it contains the germ of an exciting new theme, the relationship between words and pictures, which preoccupied Hergé throughout his life. Casterman have resisted the temptation to colour and extend the 42-page draft to Hergé's traditional 62. These are the preparatory sketches, with dialogue presented separately, complete with hesitations, corrections and marvellous *ad hoc* inventions. To read *Alph-Art* is to see the most influential European cartoonist of our century examining his astonishing art anew.

The breathless narrative centres on a gang of art forgers operating under cover of a phoney conceptualist gallery called *Alph-Art*. The whole album presents in parable a simultaneous attraction to and revulsion from the art to which Hergé was a significant contributor. Key exchanges focus on the pretensions of modern art, shown particularly in Captain Haddock's reluctant purchase of an enormous plexiglass sculpture in the shape of the letter H. There's a new view of women too, including the gallery secretary, a Nana Moskouri lookalike with a neat line in self-abasement, and a moving glimpse of Madame Laijot, the book-keeper with "25 years of slavery" in the gallery behind her. Snowy's brief encounter with Castafiore's poodle ends with a pointed rebuff. Chauvinists like Emir Ben Kalish are banished to the sidelines.

Having pursued the gang to *a villa on Ischia (where else?)* and discovered a horde of freshly minted Modiglianis, Picassos, and Gauguins, *Tintin is confronted at* gunpoint by their oily leader: "We are going to pour liquid polyester over you, you are to become a sculpture signed by César and no one will ever know that this work of art is the last resting place of little Tintin." The ironies multiply. Our last glimpse of Snowy is at the window of Tintin's cell; his last words, an encouraging "Wooah!"

Methuen, Hergés British publishers, are aiming about all over the place. Dimly realizing the importance of the material they hold, they seem to be unsure of its market. They have misleadingly packaged *The Valley of the Cobras*, a Jo, Zette, and Jocko adventure from 1940, to look like a Tintin book. Some of the games in *The Tintin Games Book* are so facile it is hard to imagine them holding any child's attention. Others demand an impossibly intimate knowledge of the Tintin stories. Please Methuen, can we have *Tintin au pays des Soviets* and *Tintin au Congo* in English?





The final volume of the OED Supplement *completes a 'work which will last longer and prove more influential than anything else published . . . this half-century'* (The Times).

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THE TIMES DIARY

Courting trouble

Liverpool City Council's cavalier attitude to its record of upheld complaints of maladministration (13 last year, all against the housing department) could land it before the courts. The latest report by Patricia Thomas, the ombudsman for the north of England, chastises councillors and officers for misleading her during her investigation into an upheld complaint about the non-completion of repairs. Rather than disciplining the miscreants and compensating the tenant, the housing committee chose merely to "note" the report. Ms Thomas has now written saying that obstructing an ombudsman can amount to the equivalent of contempt in the High Court. Her letter concludes with the warning that she is giving councillors a "final opportunity to put their own house in order".

● **Another irritating thing about Liverpool's housing department: its switchboard plays you "Home Sweet Home" down the phone.**

Horse's mouth

Who was responsible for certifying disgraced Morgan Grenfell dealer Geoffrey Collier as a fit and proper person to join the Stock Exchange? None other than Sir Kenneth Berrill, chairman of the City's new self-regulatory body, the Securities and Investment Board. Berrill used to be chairman of Vickers da Costa, for which Collier worked in New York, and was asked to give a reference as a previous employer. Brokers may remember that notice of Collier's moral propriety posted on the Stock Exchange floor earlier this year.

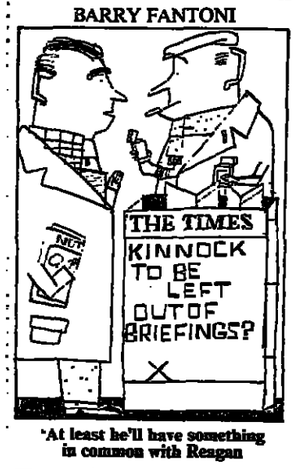
Motionless

Giovanni Spadolini, the Italian defence minister, grasped the wrong end of the stick when the Oxford Union wrote asking him to speak. Clearly believing the university was about to accord him some long-delayed honour, Spadolini enthusiastically replied, heaping praise on the city's proud history. When Union officials gently indicated that the invitation came from a bunch of penguin-suited students rather than Lord Stockton, the Chancellor, his interest cooled. Suddenly the pressure of affairs of state made the trip impossible.

Grime gripe

Appalled at the sight of a dirty Leyland truck on show at the recent Baghdad International Fair, Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, cast aside his image as castle-residing laird and started to clean the windows with his hankerchief. A veneer of desert dust was one thing but this was sheer filth, he thought. Embarrassed exhibitors restrained him before he could give the vehicle a real valeting. Clark left convinced that British exporters are losing custom by neglecting the finer points of presentation.

BARRY FANTONI



'At least he'll have something in common with Reagan

Bowing out

Though no decision has been officially taken about the fate of Commander Brian Sparks, the Notting Hill police chief alleged to have made racist remarks to fellow officers, police sources say he will take early retirement on medical grounds. Sparks has been on sick leave pending a decision on whether to charge him under the recently introduced racial discrimination clause in the Police Disciplinary Code. So far the clause has not been used.

● **Job ad for teachers: "Great Education: come and join us. . .a small, friendly and exciting borough. . ." Tell that to Maureen McGoldrick.**

Festive hall

The late Geoffrey Horsfall, designer of London's Hayward Gallery, would have been heartened by the imminent arrival of 50 Christmas trees to adorn the adjacent Sculpture Terrace; one of his most fervent, though unfulfilled wishes was that the hard edges of the site should be softened by the presence of greenery. The trees are a festive gift from the much maligned Forestry Commission and are, somewhat ironically, the result of a suggestion (rejected) by the conservtion and arts group Common Ground that the Hayward should mount an exhibition related to the environment. This is good news for putative viewers of the current Rodin exhibition there, for it is so popular that they are having a mightily long wait outside and will surely welcome the verdure.

PHS

Helping Hong Kong, and Britain as well

by Lord Gowrie

Britain has not lost, but is in danger of losing, a great opportunity in Hong Kong. In ten years time our lease expires and the world's most successful economy, relative to its scale, will fall back upon mainland China. Docking the satellite with the mother ship is as nerve-wracking as any space mission and a lot more significant; for not only is China itself on the move but what seems now to be a relentless shift of wealth and power to the Pacific Basin will also gain momentum in the 1990s.

The shape of the 21st century has begun to appear, and Hong Kong, our most valuable legacy of the 19th century, offers a tremendous chance for us to feature prominently as well. I believe we will take the chance, but as usual we are leaving things very late.

There are only two ways in which China can realize its permanent, inbuilt ambition to return to the centre of the universe, or at least the Asian Pacific. One is to offer the Japanese participation on such a scale that it would amount, virtually, to economic colonization. That the Chinese will not do. Nor would the Japanese be enthusiastic since they owe their success to their fascinating ability to be Nippon-centric as a civilization though global in their approach to markets.

The other way is for China to harness the energies of Hong Kong, as a free port and a world financial market. Effectively, that means making use of Hong Kong by leaving it alone. An analogy would be for the British government to finance its own industrial start-up schemes by allowing people to make more use of offshore centres such as Jersey or the Isle of Man where their own capital was concerned. The present leaders of China have acknowledged that that is what they need, and what they want.

They may not bring if off; they may give way to leaders who hold different views or who face more difficult political circumstances. But it is exciting to think of the possibilities for the world, for Hong Kong, and for ourselves if they do. This has little to do with greed, the enterprise being to provide both grub *and* ethics. Civilization depends not on food and drink and shelter but on the surplus that liberates us from thinking only of these.

For most of this century the world has lost the benefit of China's ancient civilizing example, for Chinese internal political and economic developments have come first. That is changing and China is in a much more confident and outward-looking mood, with the present rulers wishing to use Hong Kong to build upon that confidence. It is their window, not just to the developed world, but their own opportunity. There can be a Chinese sensibility, and Chinese works of art, for the world to share in again.

Japanese, American and Australian investment in Hong Kong has increased considerably this year; nervous British fund managers should take note. The government should also show more confidence in the success of its own diplomacy which, after a shaky start, produced the Sino-British accord and the Queen's visit to Peking.

The way to do this is to be more robust and generous over issuing British passports to the Hong Kong Chinese. They feel both insulted and abandoned through our parsimony; if we don't believe that Hong Kong will continue to flourish, why should they?

We should imitate and extend the US and Canadian methods and offer passports to those who bank with us sufficient money to support themselves, plus a measure of investment in the British economy. This last would not be restricted to paper investment but be contingent on the provision of five years sustained employment, at median small firm level, in a development area of Britain.

The government would be accused of selling passports and violating equity. Neither case stands up and it should tackle both head on. Increased investment can get you a passport or a work permit now. (I used to administer the permits). We should be looking, therefore, to a more liberal application of existing rules. As our own economic self-confidence returns, we can only gain from being more liberal, and not only in respect of Hong Kong.

The objection that only wealthy Chinese would benefit is just as easy to overcome. It is sensible to restrict emigration to Britain until it can be absorbed. Absorbing people from Hong Kong prepared to invest here would be no problem. In practice, emigration would not occur. Once the safety net of a British passport was underneath them, the wealth creators of Hong Kong would remain there, commuting to Britain to attend to their business obligations but otherwise getting on with the job, confidence restored, of giving mainland China its window on the world.

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Robin Oakley, Political Editor, reports on Neil Kinnock's uphill struggle in selling Labour's non-nuclear defence policy

Brave, sincere – but the US is unconvinced

New York

There was just one moment which caught fire in Neil Kinnock's sales pitch on Labour defence policy at Harvard on Tuesday night. The audience held its breath and the air crackled with something more than the commonplaces of political debate.

Warming to his theme that money spent on nuclear defence could be better used in other ways, Kinnock pointed out that a $15,000 TOW missile could destroy a $3 million tank and a $1.5 million Patriot anti-aircraft missile could bring down a $200 million strategic bomber.

Then, unscripted, he reminded the audience of the Falklands war. "Included in the British task force were some very modern warships, HMS Sheffield among them. That ship cost £60 million. It was taken out, wiped out, with the loss of several hands in a split second by an Exocet missile costing £250,000 delivered by an Argentine pilot who had never seen one a month before, from an obsolescent aircraft, at a distance of 35 kilometers."

When people told him that failure to spend money on nuclear arms was to neglect defence, Kinnock went on, he told them not to look at the crystal ball but at the Book of Remembrance of those who died in the Falklands.

It was in its immediacy and its starkness the perfect illustration of Kinnock's theme that defence thinking has been stuck in a rut and that any future war will not be fought as the last one was. That episode in the Harvard speech underlined several other points about Kinnock's current mission to America.

First, he is in deadly earnest. The renunciation of nuclear weapons is at the core of his political being. He is not in the business of trade-offs, or Dennis Healey-type fudges to please a transatlantic audience. Second, he can now swap weapons jargon and defence spending figures with the best of them. He is tackling the subject in detail which he has rarely developed on other issues.

Third, he is ready to face up to the consequences of his convictions. It is no use the *Washington Post* thundering that if a Labour government were to cast out nuclear weapons America would have to conclude that Britain had begun to think of itself as a small country like Denmark or New Zealand. That is precisely the status Kinnock is prepared to accept when he calls for a Britain rid of the burdens of nostalgia and delusions of grandeur and urges on us a role as a "well developed, well connected, medium-sized power that makes its responsibilities match its capacities to fulfil them."

His message is that the time of choice has come, that we can no longer afford to be a nuclear power and to make an adequate conventional force contribution to Nato, and that we must choose second-class status. It is in itself a brave risk to take with the British electorate.

Kinnock's Harvard speech, shorn of gimmickry, delivered with none of his party conference braggadocio, earns him the right to be taken seriously on defence. All the evidence suggests that he will lose the debate he has begun. But it is doing the current state of politics no harm to have him remind us that the world has moved on since the atomic bomb was invented.

He has been unlucky in the timing of his mission to America. Mayor Andrew Young did him no favours with a badly attended meeting in Atlanta. The self-obsessed American media has ignored him at a time when the Iran arms affair crowds out all else. He has had no chance to reach the people, only to sow a few thoughts among a tiny minority of the political intelligentsia. But he has spelled out openly to those who care to listen precisely what a Labour government would do about US bases and weapons.

Kinnock has won respect for his verbal felicity and for his sincerity. As he admits himself, Americans tend to listen to his message and find to their surprise that they can buy a slice or two, but emphatically not the whole loaf. They simply do not believe that Kinnock could persuade his party, should Labour win the election, to spend the money he says it will on strengthening conventional defence.

Dr Stephen Flanagan, director of a research centre in security affairs, said after the Harvard speech: "There must be doubts that a Labour government would stick to what it says on conventional spending. Past Labour governments have tended to have different spending priorities."

Americans are alarmed at the speed with which Kinnock says he will make the policy switch. Russell Seitz, a visiting scholar at Harvard's Centre for International Affairs, said: "You cannot restore conventional parity in Europe in six years. Removal of nuclear weapons and bases in Britain within 12 months as promised would be dangerous and destabilizing."

American audiences cannot discern an effective answer from Kinnock to the potential nuclear blackmail of a Europe shorn of nuclear defences. They cannot understand how a country that has been not just a member but a pillar of Nato could be willing to wreck the whole Alliance strategy. They don't see us yet as another Denmark.

The Harvard speech was delivered to a typical East Coast liberal audience. But the sympathy for Labour's position was strictly limited even there. Many predicted that it would play into the hands of American isolationists. In seeking to portray the US as thirsting for arms reductions and Mrs Thatcher as a belligerent opponent of any cuts, Kinnock has misjudged post-Reykjavik American opinion. Much of it is still aghast at what Reagan nearly gave away.

But all tended to agree with Dr Richard Haass of the Kennedy School of Government – who is a Republican – that whatever they thought of Kinnock's views "he is very articulate and very committed. What he has done is to clear up doubts about what his views really were."

Kinnock's mission has been brave and honest. But he has not stilled American resentment of those who seek to dine a la carte at the Nato table. And he has intensified the transatlantic division identified by Sir Oliver Wright, the former British ambassador to Washington into Wimps and Cowboys. The Americans, being strong, do not fear the use of power to solve problems and are typed as cowboys by fastidious Europeans. The Europeans, being less powerful, seek ways to live with problems and are scorned by Americans as wimps.

The normally macho Kinnock is helping to have Britain identified with the wimps.

Kinnock at Harvard: a respectful hearing despite his misjudgement of America's post-Reykjavik mood

Ronald Butt

Only one way to a new accord

Last month Senator Gary Hart (Democrat and possible presidential candidate) and Senator William Cohen (Republican) spoke side by side at a dinner given for them in London. They then answered questions alternately. Their performance delighted their audience, which was largely from the City, not only because they spoke with style and reason but because they did not conceal the substratum of shared assumptions underlying their thinking.

On some matters, of course, their opinions differed. On taxation in America, for instance, Senator Hart had a preference for indirect taxes over direct taxes, partly for protectionist reasons (he thought that it made sense for an America which imported half its oil to tax oil imports). Senator Cohen plainly did not share these opinions. But on the fundamentals of policy there was remarkable agreement. The audience was left in no doubt, for instance, that no Democratic president would abandon the Strategic Defence Initiative. Whatever adjustment might be made, funding and research would continue.

Every American, they said, is for strong defence, which is something that Neil Kinnock simply cannot understand. Whenever the senators sang a different melodic line it was but always contrapuntally, and therefore fundamentally in harmony. If only (said nearly everyone I spoke to) we could have that kind of moderate and constructive politics in Britain, instead of our destructive confrontation of opposites.

Yet there were some whose warm approval seemed to misunderstand the lesson to be drawn from this manifestation of the contrast between American and British politics. In a speech of thanks, Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Aid, and a renowned moderate, or Wet, observed with evident relief that it all went to show that there was no seismic shift to the right after all, either in the US or Britain. Most people, he thought, were "middle of the road and rather sensible" which, though true enough in everyday life, seemed to carry a different implication given Patten's known scepticism about Thatcherite policies.

But a seismic shift to the right was precisely what has been necessary in Britain to bring the political centre back to a position which genuinely reflects public feeling and makes consensus politics of the Hart-Cohen kind possible. If Britain now has a chance of a new moderate consensus, it is only because Mrs Thatcher has acted decisively enough to put a stop to the drift of the centre to the left which had gone on for several decades as other parties had been pressured into accepting criteria prescribed by socialism.

The unbridgeable gap between socialism and the acceptable politics of consensus in a free society has been exposed. A new political consensus reflecting what the nation wants is essential. The Tories must eventually alternate in power with another party which is not Labour. If Mrs Thatcher achieves anything durable it will be because we now establish a political party structure resembling the American. This has nothing to do with our different constitutions. We need not envy the American system, which is no better and in many ways is worse than ours. We could not have had a Watergate here. Nixon would have been stopped well before he fell into that mire.

Nor would it be possible for a British prime minister to be as embarrassed as President Reagan now is over arms sales to Iran and the use of the money. Ministerial and Cabinet responsibility would have prevented it. The current British difficulties over the attempt to prevent publication of the Peter Wright memoirs is of a wholly different order; they arise not from the system but from a political failure to foresee that the attempt, though fully justified in terms of national security, might be counter-productive.

What we have to envy the Americans for is not their constitution but the fact that their party politics work on a basis of fundamental agreement about the nature of American society representing what the mass of the people want. There is no body of American opinion of any size which is inimical to a free economic society, or which wishes to subordinate individual responsibility to state direction; or is hostile to profit and private ownership, or wishes to impose "equality" by state direction.

All the evidence here too is that the great majority does not want socialism and does want a free society with recognized social obligations. But the British were stuck with a socialist alternative by the twist of industrial history. This led the trade unions to send to Parliament their own party which, being responsible more to caucuses and block votes than to the broad opinion of the electors, was manipulable by extremists.

Social stability depends on restoring the position to what it used to be when Conservatives and the old Liberal Party (like Republicans and Democrats) operated within a consensus about the desired nature of society which might have been re-created if Labour had been reformed as Gaitskell had hoped. That hope of a social democratic alternative to the Tories can now be achieved only by another Labour defeat. A third rejection of a party whose fundamental extremism is daily shown up by its leaders' incoherent attempts to conceal it could give the Social Democratic Party the opportunity to take its place, which was the original reason for the SDP's formation.

But a Labour victory could destroy the SDP, while the dangers of a hung parliament would be hardly less. If it resulted in an Alliance coalition with Labour it would make a mockery of the Social Democrats' secession. If, on the other hand, the Alliance were obliged to enter a coalition with the Tories that could irrevocably taint the SDP in the eyes of electors who still vote reluctantly for Labour's brand name as representing their class image because they cannot bring themselves to think that the Conservatives can do so.

A new consensus requires a third defeat of a Labour Party which has ceased to represent its natural constituency. But breaking the spell of Labour's brand name and founding a free society consensus would have been out of the question but for the years of Thatcherism, and a seismic shift away from the left.

Asian dilemma for the Tories

The Conservative Party is going through a testing time over a power struggle between its Hindu and Sikh supporters. The Foreign Office is concerned, and the outcome could affect the Tories' Asian vote at the next election.

The question arises: can the Conservative Party cope with its growing Asian organization, any more than it could tolerate the activities of its eccentric student wing? Indeed, the future of the Anglo-Asian Conservative Society is being discussed in terms similar to those which led to the suspension of the Federation of Conservative Students.

The students' row was an adolescent tantrum compared with the dangers of mishandling the Asian Tories, among whom there has been tension for some months. This could come to a head now that pressure is being exerted by the Foreign Office as part of its acute sensitivity to Indian government fears.

The Foreign Office fears that the Conservative Party could be harbouring supporters of Sikh terrorists since the Sikhs have come to dominate the Anglo-Asian Conservative Society. The very hint of such a possibility, has brought the Conservatives to the point of disbanding the Asian Society. The National Union, the party's high command, is now holding discussions to decide the issue.

A dilemma clearly exists: no matter how much the National Union may wish to bow to Foreign Office sensibilities, can it afford to deprive the party of an effective Asian movement in the run-up to a general election? The Asian vote is important in a number of seats, not least Roy Hattersley's – Sparkbrook, Birmingham – where the Tory candidate is Asian.

The Anglo-Asian Conservative Society was set up ten years ago specifically to court the Asian vote. It has attracted businessmen, doctors and lawyers. Its guiding light in the early years was Narindar Saroop, who fought Greenwich in 1979. Under him the society established a bridge between the Asian community and local Conservative associations. By 1983 it had 1,000 members in 14 branches.

But then the internal wrangling began. Saroop gave way to another Hindu, Jay Gohel, as chairman. Then in 1985 Saroop deposed Gohel by enlisting the aid of the Sikhs: so many Sikhs turned up that the meeting had to be moved from a room in Conservative Central Office to the car park underneath. It became known as the Car Park Coup.

The reinstated Saroop brought in a prominent Sikh, Professor Mohinder Paul Bedi, a child psychologist, as deputy chairman. This year, Saroop was challenged by Bedi at an acrimonious annual meeting in the Victoria Hotel. Once again it was packed with Sikhs. After some bitter exchanges Bedi was elected chairman with a Muslim, Mohammed Shariff, as his deputy.

The infiltration of the Sikhs has had two consequences. First, it has changed the character of the Asian society, most of whose members were professional people or wealthy businessmen. The Sikhs are less sophisticated, and their arrival means there is now something like a mass membership of 8,000 with their own internal factions. It is this that Central Office finds unfamiliar and fears it cannot control.

Second, there is the anxiety aroused in the Foreign Office, which suspects Bedi of being sympathetic to Sikh terrorists, and which has been wary ever since the assassination of Indira Gandhi. Her son Rajiv has given the Foreign Office a bad time because he believes Britain to be too soft with Sikh extremists. In fact Bedi is a strong supporter of the law and order policies of the Prime Minister, whom he has known for some years, and who sent personal greetings to his daughter when she married.

Unfortunately, Bedi's wife, Mrs Kuldip Kaur, is in a Delhi jail as a terrorist suspect. She was attending a relative's funeral and was about to return to her home in London when a copy of a British Punjabi-language paper which reproduced Mrs Thatcher's greeting was taken from her. On the reverse was an advertisement for a Sikh rally. She had also arranged through the High Commission to deliver a parcel of clothes to a Sikh friend in jail on terrorist charges.

Professor Bedi told me yesterday: "It will be suicidal if, through pressure from some quarters, an attempt is made to abandon the Anglo-Asian Conservative Society, or to change its shape and form at a time when we are so close to a general election. We are not involved with the politics of the Indian subcontinent. I can assure the Foreign Office and the Indian government that the Anglo-Asian Society is in no way linked with any extremist or terrorist organization and under my chairmanship it will never be used as a platform to propagate any other ideals but Conservatism."

Given the twin pressures of a nervous Foreign Office and the rivalry between Hindus and Sikhs, the Tory chiefs hardly know where to turn. Their inclination is to dissolve the Asian Society and start again.

Others say Central Office should be less faint-hearted and must accept the challenge by setting out to broaden its Asian movement beyond the London businessmen and look to the temples and mosques for recognized and respected figures who could swing the Asian vote the Tory way.

John Warden

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Joseph Connolly

The callers who don't ring true

British Telecom tells me that these days very few telephone calls are misrouted as a result of defects in the system – the problem's pretty well licked; over *human* error, of course, they regret they have no control. But what I should like to know is why the few that do manage to slip through the net join forces with every errant human in the land to ensure that my phone is a-jangle day and night, forcing me to squander hours exchanging meaningless banter with an unbroken chain of complete and utter strangers. The only common bond among them is that they all wish to speak to someone else.

I am speaking of the deranged people who never bother to put on their glasses to make a call and lose their index fingers in a blur as they approach the dial. They can get quite annoyed with you for being a wrong number and think little of wasting yet more of your time by subjecting you to a detailed interrogation as to your number, your address, your blood group, etc.

Normally I just hang up, but the other morning I received a call from a grumpy old gentleman whose bovine stupidity and tenacity near broke my spirit. His opening volley:

"Who the devil are you?"

"None of your concern. Whom did you want?"

"Just get Sheila on the phone, will you?"

"No. There is no Sheila. You have a wrong number."

"What do you mean there's no Sheila? She's my daughter."

"Sheila doesn't live here. Wrong number wrong number wrong number."

"What?"

"You have the wrong number."

"I have not got the wrong number. I dialled the right number. Are you suggesting I don't even know my daughter's telephone number? *You* are on the wrong phone."

"I am on the phone I am always on. It is in my house; that is where I keep it. I am holding it at this very minute – the phone is here. Sheila isn't."

"Has she gone out, then?"

"I don't know whether she's gone out or not. I have nothing to do with Sheila. We have never met."

"Don't give me that one. If you don't know Sheila, how come you're round at her place, then?"

"Look. Let's start again. What number do you want?"

"0832 5146."

"But . . . that's *my* number."

"That's Sheila's number. When will she be back?"

"She won't . . . What I mean is . . . "

"Won't? What do you mean, won't? Here – you haven't done anything to her, have you? What are you – a masked intruder? You sound a bit evil, if you want the truth."

"Sheila's not here! I don't know when she'll be back. What am I saying?! I don't even know if she's gone out! She won't be back because she never went away . . . That is . . . "

"So you haven't molested her, or anything? Of course, I've only got your word."

"I have never even seen the woman!"

"Well . . . just put her on the line to set my mind at rest."

"You are mad. I am going now."

"Oh yes? Well it just so happens I have to go myself now because I've got to call the vet – but if you've harmed one single hair on Sheila's head . . . "

"Wrong NUMBER!"

And now his voice rose in triumph, as he played the trump: "You can't get out of it as easily as that. If it's a wrong number – if, mind – how do you explain your bloody well answering it? Hey?"

I have to lie down, now. Don't try phoning – it's off the hook.

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DEBATE ON DETERRENCE

Mr Neil Kinnock in the United States and M. Jacques Chirac in Paris made speeches this week taking different sides on the question of nuclear deterrence as the basis of Western defence. In doing so, they became part of an established trend. For deterrence, which was generally accepted as the basis of NATO defence strategy until recently, is now becoming a topic of controversy in a transatlantic debate on the fundamentals of defence policy.

It is a debate which has produced bizarre coalitions: President Reagan's policy of phasing out strategic nuclear weapons over ten years enjoys greater support from Mr Kinnock and the "peace" movement than from Mrs Thatcher and conservative governments in Western Europe which privately regard it as utopian.

It also produces some uncomfortably inconsistent postures. Opponents of deterrence, for instance, have traditionally been in favour of lower defence spending overall. But they now find themselves advocating alternatives such as an improvement in conventional defences, as Mr Kinnock did yesterday at Harvard, which would require higher spending in total — or would do so if it was to provide conventional forces with anything like the same power to deter as nuclear weapons possess.

This present bout of scepticism about deterrence seems, at first glance, to have begun not on the anti-nuclear left, but in the White House itself with President Reagan's "Star Wars" speech. And it is true, indeed tautologous, that the Strategic Defence Initiative, in its most ambitious version, would render deterrence unnecessary since it would provide a perfect defence against a nuclear first strike. But no one, not even SDI's fiercest partisan, Mr Reagan, believes that a perfect strategic defence is on the horizon.

For the next thirty or forty years, the best that even a successful defence could achieve would be to protect America's retaliatory capacity. Soviet nuclear planners, considering a first-strike attack, might know that some of their missiles would penetrate the defences but not which ones. They would not therefore be able to risk a first strike since the imperfect "leaky" defence would mean that enough US missiles would survive to mount a second-strike.

Such a limited SDI, however, would not replace deterrence. It would allow it to operate at lower levels of nuclear weapons, without reliance upon risky "launch on warning" strategies, and with some protection against either accidental war or attacks by small "crazy" states with nuclear capacity. In all these ways, the SDI would actually *enhance* deterrence.

But NATO's reliance upon deterrence *was* called into more serious doubt by the Reykjavik summit and subsequently by President Reagan's meeting with Mrs Thatcher. The proposals discussed at Reykjavik included not only "deep cuts" of 50 per cent in strategic nuclear stockpiles over ten years — the strategic effect of which would also be to maintain deterrence at lower levels — but also the zero-zero option that would remove intermediate-range missiles on both sides, and even utopian ideas of doing away with strategic missiles altogether.

Reykjavik has, in fact, changed nothing because agreement was not reached. Mr Reagan also qualified these ideas in his meeting with the Prime Minister at Camp David by agreeing to conditions such as reducing conventional force levels in Europe before removing American missiles.

But that such proposals should even be raised has alarmed Western European governments. Not without reason, they fear a move away from deterrence and a lessening of the automatic character of America's nuclear commitment to defend Europe. Such developments would expose NATO to the Warsaw Pact's overwhelming conventional superiority.

Reluctant to criticise such proposals — the British Government, for instance, publicly supports the zero-zero option — European governments hint at their concern by making delphic references to the importance of deterrence. M. Chirac, for instance, declared yesterday that "nuclear deterrence remains the only effective way of preventing war in Europe."

Mr Kinnock, by contrast, welcomes this trend. He wants a NATO strategy that would renounce nuclear weapons altogether. But building larger conventional forces offers no escape from the nuclear dilemma as long as Soviet forces retain nuclear weapons at any level.

THE JUSTICE OF SECOND THOUGHTS

For the second time in two months cause for anxiety has surfaced concerning convictions for serious terrorist offences. The trials of the Guildford Four and the Maguire family attracted public debate in October. In the light of substantial though circumstantial grounds for questioning the justice of the outcome, there were calls to the Home Secretary for a thorough review. Now a similar issue has arisen concerning the convictions of the so-called Birmingham Bombers.

This time there is new evidence of a more specific kind, such as would certainly have been put before the jury at the original trial had it been available to the defence: namely, the allegation by a police officer that severe intimidation was used to extract the confessions which later became the prosecution's strongest point. Because this new evidence is *prima facie* admissible the Home Secretary's task is somewhat easier in the Birmingham case. It would make sense for him to use his discretion to refer it to the Court of Appeal, which in turn could quash a conviction or order a new jury trial in the light of the new evidence.

The Guildford-Maguire cases are less amenable to such normal judicial processes, which suggests that there the Home Secretary might need to look for less regular remedies to satisfy the cause of justice.

It is fortuitous that these two separate matters have come to light at more or less the same time. They are a timely reminder of the enormous strain that serious organized terrorist attacks can place not just on the police in the first instance, but on the integrity of the judicial process itself. That is no accident. Terrorism is aimed not just at specific targets but at undermining the institutions of civilized society.

The Home Secretary will not need to be reminded, for instance, that the sinister general purposes of the IRA would be as well served by the wrongful release of guilty men as by a widespread public feeling that the innocent were being wrongfully punished. His prime duty in both cases will be to uphold public faith in the due process of detection, prosecution, and conviction: but this must not mean that previous flawed decisions need be obstinately defended simply in the name of public confidence.

Justice requires not just that the innocent should go free. It also requires that the guilty should be caught and punished. If the defendants in the Guildford-Maguire case, or the *Birmingham pub bombing*, were innocent others may be still at large who were the true culprits. That too would be a gross injustice.

Yet, unfortunately, there is a strong and wholly understandable tendency for the police to regard a case as closed once a conviction has been obtained. Is there not scope here for a specialist police enquiry team whose specific purpose would be to investigate all possibilities of miscarried justice, a role which is presently performed rather less satisfactorily by the media and by private agencies?

The other element in both cases is that the police investigations and trials were conducted against a background of intense public feelings of outrage, anger or even panic, to which neither the police nor a jury could be expected to be entirely immune. In such circumstances the police are under enormous pressure to make arrests, and to secure convictions. Juries might be more likely to convict than they normally would.

Perhaps, after more than a decade of sporadic mainland terrorist attacks, this is less a factor than it was when they began. Public opinion is calmer. It is a better climate, therefore, in which to conduct an honest appraisal of any doubtful cases tried at that time, in order to confirm that justice really was done then: and, if not, to do it now.

SENOR FRAGA BOWS OUT

One unexpectedly swift result of Sunday's confused Basque general elections has been the resignation of Senor Manuel Fraga, until now the leader of the country's conservative opposition and a major figure in Spain's peaceful transition to democracy. It was further evidence of how Spain's Basque region, troubled by ETA terrorism and economic decline, can affect the country's whole political scene. It also illustrates the decline of the centre-right as a political force in Spain today.

Senor Fraga's Popular Alliance Party lost five of the seven seats it had held in the 75-member Basque regional parliament. This was the latest in a series of election defeats suffered by his party and it made many on Spain's democratic right — which is still seeking a stable identity — decide that Fraga had become a certain loser.

There has been evidence for some time that the Spanish right faces fundamental problems. Senor Fraga has been unable to challenge the Socialist government of Senor Gonzalez who has manoeuvred steadily to occupy the middle ground of Spanish politics. He failed to prevent the Socialists winning a second four years in power at last June's general election, and this failure was compounded in the Basque region at the weekend.

Senor Fraga's unconvincing call on the right to abstain in Spain's referendum on NATO membership earlier this year upset many of the Popular Alliance's "sister" parties in Europe. At home, Spain's influential private bankers had also sensed Fraga's limitations in attracting Spain's younger middle-class voters and planned to finance a moderate centre-right party led by a more genuinely European-style conservative leader, Senor Miquel Roca. However, their plans came to nothing, partly because the Socialists had by now fully occupied the centre ground of politics.

The defeat for Senor Fraga's party in the Basque elections was not only a reflection of the problems facing the Spanish right under his leadership, however. It also reflected his misunderstanding of the special character of the Basque region. Each time the Basque separatist organization ETA staged a crime, Senor Fraga told the Socialists to invoke drastic powers reminiscent of the Franco era. At the same time he assured his own supporters that if he had charge of the Interior Ministry (as he did briefly after Franco's death), Basque terrorism "would be over within six months". Basques do not forget such remarks.

The one clear message from the Basque elections at the weekend was that a majority of Basques still want *more* home rule. This is despite the awesome difficulties which the badly fractured new parliament faces about how to exercise the region's existing degree of autonomy.

The problem facing Fraga's successor is how to attract the staunchly nationalistic but socially moderate forces in regions like the Basque country and Catalonia. Perhaps a new generation of politicians can accept a fundamental truth encapsulated in a saying coined when Senor Fraga was presiding over his country's first mass tourism boom: "Spain is different" — *different in its regions.*

If they were able to grasp this, they might then proceed to knit together a nationwide alliance attractive to all who want to break the centralizing grasp of the Socialists. Thus far, however, politicians of the calibre to initiate such a process are, to Senor Gonzalez's good fortune, not yet visible — even in the wings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Aids: moral and educational failings

From Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative)

Sir, The terrifying fact of the rapid spread of the disease Aids and the accompanying huge Government advertising effort to warn everyone of its dangers have suddenly put the spotlight on sexual morality. After years and years of the permissive society with its wholesale casual sexual relationships once more one hears mention of chastity and fidelity in marriage, etc, etc.

But are not these Christian virtues? Have we heard them extolled by the bishops, the annual Synod, or the clergy from their pulpits? I think not. The doctrine was too hard to preach to a self-indulgent society.

The Pope and the Church of Rome certainly have condemned birth control, perhaps somewhat narrowly, and they have extolled Christian marriage, but I have not heard much condemnation of fornication and adultery from any of the churches.

Are these sins to be left to the Government to deal with, or will the churches now jump on the bandwagon while the times are propitious?

Have these basic and essential Christian doctrines been taught in our homes, schools, colleges and universities as they were, for instance, when I was a boy sixty years ago? Do they form part of sermons which we hear on radio and television? Or are some of the clergy more keen on more fashionable subjects such as the condition of the universities, the nuclear deterrent, South Africa, racialism etc?

Perhaps we need a new John the Baptist to make our paths straight.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN STOKES,
House of Commons.
December 2.

From Mr G. F. Campbell

Sir, While the Secretary of State for the Social Services is to be congratulated on his Aids initiative (report, November 22), some of his proposals raise a sense of unease. Two essential partners in any enterprise of this magnitude are the Health Education Council and the regional health authorities. In the unsuccessful Aids campaign conducted by the Government earlier this year, it was apparent that neither the HEC nor the RHAs were consulted. It was assumed that the Government would have learnt a valuable lesson from this experience.

At a meeting of the Wessex RHA health promotion steering committee the afternoon of November 19, at which a regional strategy for Aids prevention was discussed, members had not the benefit of knowing what Government initiatives were being planned, although telephone enquiries had been made to the DHSS as recently as that morning.

Two days later the Secretary of State presented his plans to the Commons. Today, November 23, advertisements have appeared in the Sunday papers. So much for the vital RHA consultation which is so urgently needed for a concerted drive on the problem.

The other partner, the HEC, is the one national health education agency with the organisation to reach all communities where the real work of education about Aids will have to be done. It has a sound record of promoting health strategies that are now bearing fruit in all parts of the country, and which in the long term are calculated to create a healthier population. HEC has also given a lead to other countries who have established their own organisations on the British model.

The Secretary of State's announcement of the scrapping of the present HEC, with the inevitable disorientation of staff who have pioneered such innovations, is ill-timed. This is certainly an opportunity for planned investment in HEC for Aids prevention, but hardly the occasion to reconstitute a body whose concentrated efforts are needed now. It is upon the HEC which, with the regional and district health authorities and local education authorities, the real task of combating and overcoming the problem will rest and whose indispensable work will still be continuing long after the last full-page advertisement and leaflet drop have been forgotten.

It is to be hoped that the Government will realise the need to harness all resources and especially at regional and local levels and waste no more time in doing so. The country cannot afford a second mistake.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE CAMPBELL,
The University of Southampton,
Department of Education,
Southampton, Hampshire.

Brent's housing aid

From the Director of Housing and Environmental Services, London Borough of Brent

Sir, Far from spurning the assistance offered by the Urban Housing Renewal Unit, as stated by Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, at the "Building Communities" conference (report, November 29), the London Borough of Brent has received approval for schemes on its major estates to a value of £2.5m this financial year. This is probably the largest allocation made to any local authority in England and Wales.

I cannot therefore comprehend how Mr Patten can infer that the London Borough of Brent has ignored Government help to assist the homeless on grounds of "political posturing". Far from "political posturing", Brent Council has been developing new initiatives which include measures such as providing financial assistance to existing tenants to move out of their council properties and purchase a home in the private sector, a scheme which has been copied by a number of other local authorities.

Brent Council has also led the way with private leasing schemes which involve leasing vacant properties in the private sector for use as temporary accommodation. These initiatives and the other housing policies in the borough reflect its pragmatic approach.

Mr Patten's reference to Brent Council not making an application to UHRU for dealing with homelessness may refer to a specific offer made to a number of councils some months ago. This offer was that UHRU might fund work to void properties on large housing estates in order to bring them back into use and thereby assist the homeless, many of whom are languishing in bed-and-breakfast hotels all over London.

However, in Brent the main problem does not relate to empty properties on our major estates, but to empty isolated properties, many of which require high-cost repairs. This point was made to officials from the Urban Housing Renewal Unit, but they were unwilling to fund repairs to these properties as they insisted that they could only fund works to properties on estates.

If Mr Patten is committed to helping the borough solve its homelessness problem he could assist by allowing the UHRU to fund major repairs to off-estate properties, rather than suggest that we sell them, which is the usual response.

Yours sincerely,
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Size of councils

From Mr Eivind K. Gilje

Sir, Not one of the six largest councils in London (with a total of one quarter of London's electorate) was mentioned in your front page report (November 20) on the proposal to split up the giant councils. It is of course no coincidence that five of these are Conservative controlled and the sixth, Ealing, was Conservative controlled until the last elections.

Have we not in the last couple of years had enough local government reorganization through the Houses of Parliament rather than through the electorate?

Of the Brent electors, who now seem to be the poor losers, only 44 per cent turned up to the polling booths when they had the democratic opportunity. Other London boroughs did much better and the best of all, Richmond upon Thames, polled 60 per cent.

Richmond is the only Alliance controlled borough in London and the only London borough with no Labour councillors and therefore no "loony left".

Yours faithfully,
EIVIND GILJE,
32 Grove Road, Barnes, SW13.

Instant switch-off?

From the Director General of the Royal National Institute for the Blind

Sir, Mrs Thomas asks (December 1) whether there would be a single complaint if all station announcements stopped.

The answer is an emphatic "yes" - from all those visually handicapped travellers who cannot see station signs. So BR, British Airports Authority, London Underground and all the rest, please keep up the good work.

Yours faithfully,
IAN BRUCE,
Director General,
Royal National Institute for the Blind,
224 Great Portland Street, W1.
December 1.

A divided island

From Mr Rauf Denktaş

Sir, Your leader of November 24 attempts mistakenly to lay the blame for the Cyprus problem equally upon the two communities in Cyprus. May I comment?

The acceptance by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus of the two UN plans for a settlement had the wholehearted support of our people even though they were compromises. We remain ready to accept the 1986 plan, but we cannot wait for ever.

The "second" (1985) UN document which, in an attempt to even the blame, you say we rejected, was not negotiated with us at all. The 1984 and 1986 plans had been negotiated by the Secretary General with both sides.

You correctly point out that it was the armed attack by Greece upon Cyprus in 1974 which brought the Turkish army to the island. If Turkey had not come to our rescue Cyprus would have been annexed to Greece. We do not like the militarisation of our island and would have preferred it if Greek Cypriots had been willing to operate the 1960 Constitution, which was destroyed in 1963.

The number of Turkish troops is conditioned not only by the fact that we are outnumbered four to one by Greek Cypriots but also by the number of mainland Greek troops and ever-increasing Greek Cypriot forces.

Britain refuses to deal with us on an equal footing with the Greek Cypriots. Britain handed over the sovereignty of the island to two sides but sees no objection in treating the Greek Cypriot side as "the legitimate Government". Greek Cypriots prefer to keep this title rather than establish a partnership government with us.

The Greek Cypriots have no incentive to reach a settlement as long as Britain recognises them as the Government of the whole of Cyprus and they get all the aid and international trade. If Britain really wants a settlement she should indicate that these advantages may be withdrawn if the UN plan is not accepted.

Yours faithfully,
RAUF R. DENKTAŞ (President, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus),
c/o 28 Cockspur Street, SW1.
November 25.

Personal data on sale to parties

From Mr R. S. Glover

Sir, In April of this year I received a letter from Mr Kinnock, asking me to sponsor the Labour Party; in a postscript he said that he knew nothing about me "apart from your name and address and the type of product or service you have purchased in the past". In response to my protest, the publishing and marketing manager of the Labour Party denied holding such information but, after a lengthy and mostly one-sided correspondence, he has recently revealed that my name came from a list of members of Countdown, a discount club.

This raises a principle of some importance. There is no effective information barrier between a political party and an actual or potential Government, in spite of recent arguments to the contrary. It seems, therefore, that a private citizen's use or membership of clubs, mail-order houses, professional associations, investment advisers, lobby groups and, perhaps, even rival political parties may well become known to the present or some future Government.

Unless the Chinese walls of Westminster and Whitehall are more effective than those of the City, is there any assurance that information given or sold to a political party will not enter the files of one or more Government departments or those of dangerous and irresponsible sub-groups of political parties, at the extremes of left and right?

Under the legislation on data protection it would be relatively easy to make it an offence to sell or give to a political party any address or other personal data without the consent of the subject of that information.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. GLOVER,
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Plymouth, Devon.
November 26.

Breakfast in school

From the Headmaster of Riddlesdown High School

Sir, I was delighted to read (report, November 25) that Garth Hill Comprehensive School has now commenced serving breakfasts to pupils. However, the caterer at this school has been serving breakfasts for about five years now — daily from 7.45 until 8.30. I do not necessarily assume we were the first school to do so.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD GOSS, Headmaster,
Riddlesdown High School,
Honister Heights,
Purley, Surrey.
November 28.

From Dr A. C. Klottrup

Sir, Breakfast in school (report, November 25) is no novelty.

In West Hartlepool during 1908 the local Charity Organisation Society subsidized the provision of free school breakfasts to needy scholars — under the aegis of the education committee's school canteen sub-committee and authorized by the 1906 Education (Provision of Meals) Act.

By January, 1902, a daily average of 1,433 children breakfasted on "a brown roll (6oz), currant bun (3oz) and tea for each child, upon the five school days of the week". Later, "The question of continuing the currant bun was discussed. A suggestion to add a few more currants was agreed to."

The scheme persisted up to and beyond the 1912 coal strike — indeed, the education committee still provided 662 children with free breakfast in 1922.

Some of your readers may recall partaking of such fare.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN KLOTTRUP,
St Chad's College,
Durham.
November 27.

Consumption of fat

From Professor Emeritus Arnold E. Bender

Sir, Mrs Currie may have been forgiven her earlier statement that the northerners eat badly (too much fat) when she had been in office only a few days. She should by now have had time to read the National Food Survey where the fat intakes (household purchases) of various regions of the country are reported (1984 report).

If one believes in decimal points the northerners eat slightly better in terms of fat than the southerners: Scotland 41.3 per cent, northerners 43.2 per cent, north-west (her original target) 43.1 per cent — all less than the "healthy" southerners at 44 per cent.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. BENDER,
2 Willow Vale,
Fetcham,
Leatherhead, Surrey.
December 1.

Nothing to declare

From Mr Simon J. A. Powis

Sir, A recent somewhat acrimonious dialogue with a Customs and Excise officer at Heathrow concerning a disputed duty payment has produced the following observation from him: " ... Secondly, telephone enquiries can not be dealt with on the phone".

I presume when written enquiries can not be dealt with by letter the matter will be closed.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON POWIS,
Abington Hill,
504 Wellingborough Road,
Northampton.
November 24.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 4 1916

The political crisis which led to the resignation of Asquith as Prime Minister and his replacement by Lloyd George was described in a leading article as the turning point of the war. Written by the editor, Geoffrey Dawson, it was the climax in a campaign for a smaller, more positive, war council under Lloyd George. Asquith resigned the following day, but Dawson later denied that the leader was inspired by someone else, and said it never occurred to him that he was giving away information not known to a considerable inner circle.

Reconstruction

An official statement, issued at a late hour last night announces that "the PRIME MINISTER, with a view to the most effective prosecution of the war, has decided to advise HIS MAJESTY the KING to consent to a reconstruction of the Government." It is not altogether a surprising decision to those who have followed the course of events during the last three days. Out of a welter of political speculation — some of it calculated, some of it merely misinformed — certain definite facts were already beginning to emerge. The first is that Mr. LLOYD GEORGE has finally taken his stand against the present cumbrous methods of directing the war. The second is that he has an alternative scheme of his own, which is not without support among his colleagues. The third is that we are at last within measurable distance of the small War Council, or super-Cabinet for war purposes, which has been steadily pressed in these columns for the last year and a half. On Friday, according to our Parliamentary Correspondent, Mr. LLOYD GEORGE'S decision took shape in the form of written representations to the PRIME MINISTER, and these have since been followed by personal discussion between them. The gist of his proposal is understood to be the establishment forthwith of a small War Council, fully charged with the supreme direction of the war. Of this Council Mr. ASQUITH himself is not to be a member — the assumption being that the PRIME MINISTER has sufficient cares of a more general character without devoting himself wholly, as the new Council must be devoted if it is to be effective, to the daily task of organising victory. Certain of Mr. ASQUITH'S colleagues are also excluded on the ground of temperament from a body which can only succeed if it is harmonious and decisive ... Since Friday, then, there has been in existence a political "crisis" of the first magnitude, if the word is applicable in these days to any domestic reconstruction. On Saturday Mr. ASQUITH had a prolonged audience of the KING. There have been hurried journeys from distant parts of England and a protracted Sunday meeting of the Unionist members of the Cabinet. Not since the days when the coalition was forming has any political situation produced such excitement or, we may add, such a general feeling of optimism.

On the top of all this comes the official announcement that the PRIME MINISTER has decided for reconstruction and with it fresh hope that the change may be effected without interregnum or delay. It means, we assume, that he consents in principle to Mr. LLOYD GEORGE'S proposals. The conversion has been swift, but Mr. ASQUITH has never been slow to note political tendencies when they become inevitable. The testimony of his closest supporters — even more, perhaps, than the pressure of those who have no politics beyond the war — must have convinced him by this time that matters cannot possible go on as at present. They must have convinced him, too, that his own qualities are fitted better, as they are fond of saying, to "preserve the "unity of the nation" (though we have never doubted its unity) than to force the pace of a War Council ...

... We imagine that all of them [the soldiers] would privately express the view that great chances have been missed through weakness and vacillation in the supreme direction of the war. That is a view which is certainly held by many thousands of civilians: If the soldiers also hold it, it is they, after all, who have the best reason for grasping the disastrous effects upon next year's campaign of any further delay in solving the supreme, the critical, the still unsettled question of man-power ...

... This is by no means the first time in the last two years that Mr. LLOYD GEORGE has been on the verge of a rupture with his colleagues. Once it was averted by the enforced surrender of the Government over the Military Service Bill. Once the Ministry of Munitions, and more lately the War Office, seemed to provide fresh opportunities, even under unsatisfactory conditions, of useful individual service. But from the very beginning he has stood apart from the rest in his unmistakable enthusiasms for vigorous war ...

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 3: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme General Council at the International Centre, Bournemouth today.

His Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of Bournemouth (Councillor Dan Crone) and the Director of the Award Scheme (Mr Robert Heron).

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Permanent Master, this evening presided at a Court Meeting of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights at which The Prince of Wales was admitted an Assistant to the Court of the Company, at Ironmongers' Hall, London, EC2.

Afterwards, The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, presided at a Livery Dinner of the Company.

His Royal Highness was received by the Master of the Company (Mr R.W. Abbott).

Major Rowan Jackson, RM and Mr Humphrey Mews were in attendance.

The Duchess of York this afternoon visited the Park Lane Fair organized by the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops, at the Park Lane Hotel, W1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Mrs Terence Mallinson), the National President, Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops (General Sir Robert Ford) and the Chairman of the Fair (the Marchioness of Ailesbury).

Mrs John Floyd was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, this morning attended the Society's Council Meeting at 35, Belgrave Square, SW1, where Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Council (Mr C. Smith-Ryland).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon presided at the Degree Ceremony of the University at the Royal Albert Hall.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (the Lord Flowers).

In the evening, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips attended a Thanksgiving Service, to celebrate the University's 150th Anniversary, in St Paul's Cathedral.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Dean of St Paul's (the Very Reverend Alan Webster).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, attended the Order Gala Ball at the Inter-Continental Hotel, Hamilton Place, W1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Ball Committee (the Lord Westbury).

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance).

CLARENCE HOUSE

December 3: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 3: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council at 10, Buckingham Gate, SW1 and subsequently entertained Members of the Council and Duchy Land Stewards to luncheon at Kensington Palace.

Sir John Riddell, Bt, was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning opened the new Headquarters of The Body Shop plc at Hawthorn Road, Wick, Littlehampton, West Sussex.

Afterwards, Her Royal Highness visited the Downland Housing Society Project run by the Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus at 5, Grand Avenue, Worthing.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Viscountess Campden and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 3: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at the British-American Ball at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Euan McCorquodale were in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this evening presented the Commemorative Certificates to the holders of the 1985/86 Smith and Nephew Foundation Awards at a reception held at the Royal College of Surgeons, London WC2.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

December 3: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the Tenth National Energy Management Conference and Exhibition and later visited the Department of Trade and Industry's CIMAP Demonstration at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, West Midlands.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Michael Campbell Lamerton.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of Age Concern, this afternoon attended a Carol Concert in Salisbury Cathredral, Wiltshire.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Michael Campbell Lamerton.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

December 3: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at the opening of the exhibition "The New Thracian Treasure from Rogozen, Bulgaria" by Mr Georgi Yordanov, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, at the British Museum.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Birthdays today

The Marchioness of Anglesey, 62; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, 63; Mr Ronnie Corbett, 56; Sir Patrick Donner, 82; Miss Gemma Jones, 44; Mrs Pamela W. Matthews, 72; Miss Yvonne Minton, 43; Professor Brian Morris, 56; Dr A. L. Rowse, 83; Mr J. C. Trewin, 78; the Rev Professor C. J. M. Weir, 89.

Appointments

Colonel W.P. Fletcher, late Royal Army Dental Corps, to be Honorary Dental Surgeon to the Queen.

Miss Enid Castle, Headmistress of Red Maids' School, Bristol, to be Principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College from next September.

Miss Anne Heather Steel to be a Circuit Judge on the Northern Circuit.

Dinners

Shipwrights' Company

The Duke of Edinburgh, Permanent Master of the Shipwrights' Company presided at a special meeting of the court of the company at Ironmongers' Hall yesterday when the Prince of Wales, a liveryman of the company, was admitted as a member of the Court of Assistants. Mr Derek Kimber, Prime Warden, assisted with Rear Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles, Mr G.R.Newman, Mr F.M. Everard, and Dr E.C.B. Corlett.

Afterwards, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales attended a livery dinner at Ironmongers' Hall. The Master and Clerk of the Ironmongers' Company, Admiral Sir William Staveley (First Sea Lord) and Captain J.L. Weatherall (Commanding Officer of HMS Ark Royal were also present.

Lord Murton of Lindisfarne

Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, presided at a dinner given by the Primrose League at the House of Lords yesterday. Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker. Lady Murton, Mrs Brittan, Judith Lady Roberts, Chairman of the Ladies Churchill Chapter, Mr W.L. Grant, honorary treasurer, and Mrs Grant, were also present.

City Livery Club

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the City Livery Club held at Guildhall last night. Sir John Welch presided. Mr Justice Owen, Dean of the Arches Court of Canterbury, Mr Alderman Brian Jenkins, Sir Peter Lane and the Rev Michael Bourne, President of Sion College and Chaplain to the City Livery Club, also spoke.

Salmon and Trout Association

Lord Home of the Hirsel presided at the annual dinner of the Salmon and Trout Association held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Lord and Lady Hunter, Sir Hector Monro, MP, and the Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company were among the principal guests.

Champagne Bollinger

M and Mme Christian Bizot and the Directors of Mentzendorff & Co Ltd gave a dinner at the Inn on the Park Hotel yesterday in honour of the champion National Hunt jockeys for the 1985/86 season. Mme Bizot presented the Bollinger Trophies to the champion jockey, Mr Peter Scudamore, and to the leading amateur rider, Mr Tim Thomson Jones.

Southgate Hockey Club

The centenary of Southgate Hockey Club was celebrated at Lord's at a dinner held last night. The president, Mr Robert Watson, welcomed the guests the who included the President and Secretary-General of the Hockey Association, the Mayor of Enfield, the MP for Enfield and representatives of the London league and other clubs.

Canning House

Sir Peter Macadam, President of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, was host at a dinner at Canning House yesterday, in honour of Ambassadors and heads of mission of Latin America, Spain and Portugal. Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, was the guest of honour.

Oxford Society

Lord Tweedsmuir, Brasenose College, President of the London branch of the Oxford Society, presided at the annual dinner held at Middle Temple Hall yesterday. Prebendary Harold Loasby, Brasenose College, the Warden of Merton College, Viscount Tonypandy, Lord Windlesham, New College, Dr H.A. Hurren, secretary of the society, and Mr Peter Plowden-Wardlaw, Merton College, vice-chairman, also spoke.

British American Associates

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were the guests of honour at the British American Associates ball held at Grosvenor House yesterday. The American Ambassador and Mrs Price and the High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs McMurtry were also present.

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Sale room

Lewis Carroll's drawings of Alice fetch £187,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Nine pen and brown ink drawings depicting scenes from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, executed by Dodgson himself, the author of the book, were sold for £187,000 (unpublished estimate £100,000) at Christie's yesterday to an American private collector.

For most of their existence the drawings have masqueraded under an attribution to Tenniel, the illustrator who made the drawings for the published edition of Alice.

It has only recently been appreciated that the Rev Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, alias Lewis Carroll, provided Tenniel with his own model drawings. He had made them to accompany the original manuscript of *Alice* which he presented to its inspiration, Alice Liddell, under the title *Alice's Adventures Underground*. The manuscript was extended for publication and Tenniel provided original drawings of his own.

The drawings sold yesterday were copied by Dodgson from Tenniel's. They were presented to Alice probably in the spring of 1865 and sold by her grandaughter in 1958 as Tenniel's work. The discovery that they were by Dodgson, not Tenniel, was made in 1979.

The other highlight of Christie's manuscript sale was a handwritten manuscript of Sean O'Casey's *Juno and the Paycock*, which was sold together with a near final typescript of the play for £63,800 (estimate £40,000-£50,000).

Sotheby's sustained the level of astonishingly high prices for Impressionist and modern pictures of their previous night's sale as they moved on to second division pictures yesterday.

The highest flyer was Henri Martin, who followed the pioneering experiments of Seurat, applying his pointillist technique to conventional landscapes. A sunlit harbour scene, "Le Port de Collioure" sold for £186,000 against an estimate of £50,000-£70,000, setting a new auction price record for the artist.

It was bought by an unnamed English private collector, who secured several of the top priced pictures. He paid another record price at £110,000 (estimate £30,000-£40,000) for Henri le Sidaner's "La Maison de l'été", the facade of a quiet country house overflowing with flowering creepers in summer sunlight. He also bought a Kees van Dongen "Au casino de Deauville" at £126,500 (estimate £90,000-£110,000): the punters are caught in Van Dongen's characteristic bright colours.

Sotheby's evening sale of Tuesday night was a watershed, earning £40,159,900 for 105 lots in the course of two hours. No single sale in auction history has made so much money. The previous high for a single sale was £29 million.

English showing for duchess portrait

By Suzy Menkes

A striking portrait of the Duchess of Windsor (pictured above) will be seen in England for the first time next week, the 50th anniversary of the Abdication of Edward VIII.

This morning the painting, by British artist Gerald Brockhurst, will leave Paris, where it has dominated the Windsor's French home for 30 years. It will go on display next Saturday at the Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield, in a Brockhurst exhibition which will reach the National Portrait Gallery in London next April.

The painting has been lent by Mr Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods. Mr Al Fayed has bought the remaining contents of the Windsor mansion and is embarking on a painstaking restoration of the interior.

The portrait, painted in 1939, three years after the Abdication, shows the duchess set against a lowering sky, wearing a severe steel grey dress, unbuttoned at the neckline and decorated with a jewelled flower brooch.

In a strange coincidence, Sotheby's, sponsors of the Brockhurst exhibition, have located the distinctive dress by the American designer, Mainbocher, and are offering it in a textile sale next February.

The portrait is remarkable for its strong sexual charge and its expression of the former Mrs Simpson's magnetic style. "It has the intensity and compelling quality of all Brockhurst's mature work", says Mrs Anne Goodchild, Assistant Keeper of Sheffield City Art Galleries, who located the painting and has organized the exhibition.

Gerald Brockhurst was a prominent society painter in the 1930s, whose commissions included Merle Oberon and Marlene Dietrich, whose portraits will also be on show.

Mrs Goodchild's research shows that Brockhurst was fascinated by Mrs Simpson and planned the portrait long before the Abdication. He wanted also to paint the Duke of Windsor in his uniform of the Welsh Guards, but this was never realised.

The Duke of Windsor paid 1,250 guineas for the picture of his wife, which was exhibited in 1939 at Knoedlers Gallery in New York, where Brockhurst was living.

(Photograph: Gerard Maré)

Dinners

Mr R.O. Anderson and Mr L.M. Cook

A dinner was given last night by Mr Robert O. Anderson and Mr Lodwrick M. Cook, Chairman of the Atlantic Richfield Company, at Claridge's hotel. The guests were:

The Norwegian Ambassador, the Earl of Airlie, Mr Robert B Anderson, Mr Phelps Anderson, Lord Aman, Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Mr John Biffen, MP, Mr Skip Bilharz, Lord Blake, Lord Boardman, Sir Kenneth Bond, Lord Bottomley, Lord Briggs, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP, the Hon Alick Buchanan-Smith, MP, Lord Bullock, Mr Jeremy Bullmore, the Hon Sir Adam Butler, MP, Mr Joaquin Cargo, Mr Terry Cassidy, Mr Victor Chapman, Lord Charteris of Amisfield, Mr David Chipp, Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, Sir John Colville, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Mr John Crawford, Mr Harry Cressman, Earl De La Warr, Mr Edmund Dell, Mr Donald Dewar, MP, Mr John Dick, Lord Donoughue, Sir Edward du Cann, MP, Sir Kenneth Durham, Mr Nicolas Edwards, MP, Lord Ezra, Major Ronald I Ferguson, Mr Michael Foot, MP, Mr Norman Fowler, MP, Mr Paul Fox, Ambassador Gavin, Lord Gibson, Sir Sydney Gilliard, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, Lord Glastwyn, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, Mr John R S Guinness, Mr Pedro Haas, General Sir John Hackett, Sir Ronald Halstead, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Mr Kenneth Harris, Ms Roger Harrison, Sir John Harvey-Jones, Sir Michael Havers, QC, MP, Mr Barney Hayhoe, MP, Mr Denis Healey, CH, MP, Mr Edward Heath, MP, Sir Nicholas Henderson, Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, Sir William Heseltine, Mr Alan Hirsig, Mr Michael Horton, Mr Anthony Howard, Sir David Hunt, Lord Hunt of Tanworth, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, Sir Phillip Jones, Mr Yve Jungius, Mr Charles Kennedy, MP, Dr Henry Kissinger, Mr Andrew Knight, Mr Neville Labovitch, Mr Norman Lamont, MP, Mr David Lea, Sir Anthony Lincoln, QC, Lord McCarthy, Sir David McNee, Lord Marsh, Sir Robert Megarry, Mr Olivier Mellerio, Sir Peter Middleton, Lord Miles, Mr Austin Mitchell, MP, Sir Derek Mitchell, Mr David Nickson, Sir Edwin Nixon, Sir Arthur Norman, Mr Stanley Orme, MP, Mr Robert Pennant-Rae, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede, Mr Francis Pym, MP, Mr Timothy Raison, MP, Mr Paul Reeves, Mr Michael Rimington, Sir Gordon Reece, Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, Sir William Rees-Mogg, Sir John Riddell, Mr Terry Robinson, the Hon Jacob Rothschild, Mr Giles Shaw, MP, Lord Shawcross, QC, Mr Michael Shea, Mr James Sherwood, Mr Peter Shore, MP, the Hon John E Slessin, Mr Harold Sorgenfrei, Mr Paul Spicer, Mr Jack Steinberg, Mr Jack Straw, MP, Mr Edward Streator, Mr Maurice Taylor, Mr Denis Thatcher, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, Sir John Tooley, Mr Donald Trefford, Sir Ian Trethowan, Sir Anthony Tuke, Mr John Wakeham, MP, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Mr David B Walker, Sir Douglas Wass, Lord Weinstock, Lord Wigoder, QC, Mr Charles Wilson, Sir David Wilson, Lord Watson, Mr Donald Wood, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP, Sir Woodrow Wyatt, Mr Robert E Wycoff and Lord Young of Graffham.

Reception

Police Convalescence and Rehabilitation Trust

The Prime Minister and the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill attended a reception last night at Speaker's House given by Viscount Trenchard, Chairman of the Appeal Council of the Police Convalescence and Rehabilitation Trust, and Viscountess Trenchard. Others present included the Lord Mayor of Westminster *locum tenens* and Mrs Forrester, Lord Diamond, the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Hon Mrs Hurd, Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, Mr David Steel, MP.

Service dinner

Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry

Colonel P. T. S. Bowlby presided at the annual dinner of officers of the Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomanry held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

A memorial service for Sir Henry Osmond-Clarke will be held at St Clement Danes, Strand, at noon on Wednesday, January 7, 1987.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon F.T. Baring and Miss A.S.E. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Francis, son of Lord and Lady Northbrook, of East Stratton, Winchester, and Amelia, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Reginald Taylor, of Hursley, Winchester.

The Hon J.F.M. Grosvenor and Miss D. Rossi

The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Lord Ebury, and Elfin Lady Ebury, and Danielle, sixth daughter of Mr and Mrs Theo Rossi, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr F.P.H. de Zulueta and the Hon Mrs P. Wodehouse

The engagement is announced between Francis, son of Sir Philip and the Hon Lady de Zulueta, and Pandora (neé Jeffreys), daughter of Mrs W.J. Germing and stepdaughter of Mr W.J. Germing.

Mr D.P.H.P. Duncombe and Miss S.A. Battrum

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Sir Philip and Lady Duncombe, and Sarah, elder daughter of the late Mr R.T.G. Battrum and of Mrs Battrum, of Westfield Farm, Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D.R. Ashby and Miss S.L. Harriet

The engagement is announced between Duncan Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Brian A. Ashby, of Lumb Grange, Hazelwood, Derby, and Sarah Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael D. Clifton, Northwood, Middlesex.

Mr R.J. Bradstock and Miss A.L. Riley

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bradstock, of Falconers House, Crichel, Wimborne, Dorset, and Anna, younger daughter of Major John Riley and the late Mrs Riley, of Trinity Manor, Jersey.

Mr R.D. Bruce-Gardner and Miss C.S. Wright

The engagement is announced between Robin Digby, son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Bruce-Gardner, of Flyford Flavell, Worcestershire, and Caroline Stuart, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter S. Wright, of Wivelsfield, Sussex.

Mr R. Przybylski and Miss C. Cassels

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.K. Przybylski, of Oadby, Leicester, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Cassels, of Uckfield, Sussex.

Mr R.J.S. Holmes and Miss C.R. Ellis

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Holmes, of Buckinghamshire, and Carolyn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Ellis, of Bisley, Woking, Surrey.

Mr J.P. White and Miss C.P. Gould

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs D. White, of Micklefield, Leeds, and Carole, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S.A. Gould, of Sydenham, London.

Mr D. McMeekin and Miss C. Harker

The engagement is announced between Damian, son of Mr and Mrs G.W.J. McMeekin, of Brisbane, Australia, formerly of Papua New Guinea, and Chloë, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G.N. Harker, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D.J. Rhodes and Miss A.C.M. Walley

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs A.A. Rhodes, of Cheadle, Cheshire, and Alexandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.S.S. Walley, of Yarhampton, Worcestershire.

Mr P. Phillips and Miss S.F. Smith

The engagement is announced between Peter, twin son of Mr and Mrs J.M. Phillips, of Devon, and Sarah, younger daughter of Major K.J. Smith, of Wiltshire, and Mrs J.M. Moffatt, of Oxford.

Dr P.N. Stidolph and Miss A.G. Curtis

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Neville Stidolph, of Mill Hill, London, and Adrienne, daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Norman Curtis, of Worplesdon, Surrey.

Mr D.G. Hensley and Miss C.M. Puddifoot

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Hensley, of Formby, Lancashire, and Charlotte Mary, only daughter of the late Dr Philip Puddifoot and Mrs Valerie Puddifoot, of Cheam, Surrey.

Mr T.J. Hills and Miss K.M. Knowles

The engagement is announced between Thomas James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas R. Hills, of Burleigh Farm, Charing Heath, Kent, and Katherine Mary, daughter of Mr David Knowles, of Old Leigh Place, Stelling, Kent, and Mrs Barbara Knowles, of Roundshill, Sissinghurst, Kent.

Lieutenant-Commander R. Nurick, RN and Miss H.R. Warner

The engagement is announced between Rowland, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. Nurick, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr R.B. Warner, MBE, and Mrs Warner, of Edinburgh.

Marriages

Mr C.F.P. Arthur and Dr R.M.F. Lawry

The marriage took place on November 22, 1986, at St Peter's Church, Petersfield, Hampshire, between Mr Christopher Arthur, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Arthur, of Usk, Gwent, and Dr Rachel M.F. Lawry, daughter of the Rev John Lawry and the late Mrs Susan Lawry, of Petersfield.

Mr R.D. Doxford and Mrs L. Hiscox

The marriage took place in London yesterday between Mr Robert Doxford and Mrs Lucy Hiscox.

OBITUARY

MR LORAINE CONRAN

Curator of vision

Mr Loraine Conran, distinguished art gallery director, died on November 25. He was 74.

George Loraine Conran was born on March 29, 1912. Originally destined for the Navy, he was educated at the RNC Dartmouth.

But an early interest in the history of art led to a change of direction. He worked for a time in journalism, writing art reviews for a number of newspapers, including *The Times*.

But then a curator friend of his encouraged him to go into the museum world, and in 1935 he obtained an appointment at the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, moving the following year to the Walker Art Gallery at Liverpool, as deputy director.

In 1938 he became, at 26, the youngest director in the country when he was given charge of the Southampton Art Gallery. There he made judicious acquisitions of twentieth-century paintings; and, through his close friendship with Arthur Jeffries, the Jeffries collection was given to Southampton.

He joined the Navy in the Second World War, serving as a gunnery officer in a destroyer, attaining the rank of lieutenant-commander, and being mentioned in despatches. There was, perhaps, always something of the naval officer about him - in the Beatty rather than the Jellicoe mould.

His next post was the curatorship of the Iveagh Bequest at Kenwood (1950-62), where his head attendant recalled him holding "the visions" every morning. It was at Kenwood that he made his greatest mark, initiating the LCC summer exhibitions on aspects of British eighteenth-century art, which were continued with such success under the GLC and which are still maintained by English Heritage.

He revived interest in George Romney with an exhibition of his paintings and drawings (1961), and the following year brought off a coup in bringing to London an "American University Collection" from the Allen Memorial Art Museum, Ohio.

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In 1938 he married Jacqueline O'Neill Roe, a ballet dancer. They had a son and two daughters (one of whom died). The marriage ended in divorce in 1970, and that year he married Elizabeth Johnston, curator of the Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, with whom he had another daughter.

MR PAUL CURRAN

Mr Paul Curran, actor, for many years a familiar and well-regarded figure on the London stage, died on December 1. He was 73.

A Scot, he was born on April 25, 1913. He made his début in *Cinderella* at the Alhambra Theatre, Glasgow. After this he spent four years at Glasgow Citizens' Theatre.

He worked in the provinces for many years, arriving in the 1950s in London where he joined the Old Vic (later the National Theatre).

Among his parts was Duke Senior in the all-male *As You Like It* (1967), and the schoolmaster Holofernes in Olivier's revival of *Love's Labour Lost* the following year. In *Three Sisters* (also 1967) he was the army doctor Chebutikin before Olivier, who had been ill, came back to the part.

He was Gibbet in *The Beaux' Stratagem* (1970); and Northumberland in *Richard II*, and the mayor in the American comedy *The Front Page* (both 1972).

But his work at the National will be especially remembered. There, in 1972, he was Sir Peter Teazle (to Louise Purnell's Lady Teazle) in Jonathan Miller's production of *The School for Scandal*. He showed his gift for testy old gentlemen when, in Pinero's *Trelawny of the Wells*, he played the vice-chancellor who softens at the name of Edmund Kean. He took over Friar Francis in Zeffirelli's production of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Recently, for Peter Wood's group at the National, he was the judge in Arthur Miller's *The American Clock*. At the time of his death he was rehearsing as the doctor in *King Lear*.

Gibbons fitted easily into both classical and contemporary plays. A lucid speaker with a vigorous intelligence, he was welcome in any cast.

ARCHBISHOP MARTIN O'CONNOR

Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor who, during many years in Rome was an adviser to six Popes, died on November 28. He was 86.

He was born at Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he became an altar boy. He served in the Army during the First World War.

He was ordained in 1924, and studied for a doctorate in theology in Rome at the Urban College of Propaganda and the University of Apollinare.

He returned to Scranton where he was consecrated bishop in 1942. After the Second World War he was appointed rector of the Pontifical North American College, Rome, which had been severely damaged during the war. He raised $4.5 million to rebuild it, and remained there until 1964.

He was consecrated titular archbishop of Laodicea, Syria, in 1959 by Pope John XXIII, and played a major part in the reforming Council convened by that Pope three years later.

In 1965, during the papacy of Paul VI, he was appointed nuncio to Malta, the first nuncio (as distinct from apostolic delegate) to go to a British territory since the Reformation.

He later served as president of the pontifical commission for social communications in Rome, which in 1971 issued pastoral guidelines for bishops.

He also served as an adviser to Popes John Paul I and II.

CAPT PHILIP BULLOCK

Captain Philip Critchell Bullock, OBE, died on November 23. He was 86.

Born on December 28, 1899, he was educated at Sherborne before joining the Indian Army in 1918. As an officer in the Bengal Lancers, he saw service on the North-West Frontier and engaged in the sports appropriate to his calling.

These cost him a broken neck, which was luckily not fatal but caused his retirement from the Army in 1936.

At the outbreak of war, however, he joined the RAF and began a new service career. During the invasion of Normandy he earned two mentions in despatches as well as the OBE.

After the war he was posted to Berlin, and when the city was blockaded by the Russians was responsible for the Spandau district. In 1952 he retired for the second time.

As a civilian he became general secretary of the Officers' Pensions Society, whose membership grew under his auspices from 4,500 to 30,000 at the time of his final retirement in 1966.

His wife, Nicky, survives him, as does a son from a previous marriage.

LEE DORSEY

Lee Dorsey, American rhythm and blues singer, whose hit records include "Working in the Coal Mine" and "Ride Your Pony", died on December 1. He was 59.

Born in New Orleans on December 4, 1926, he was already well past the first flush of youth when he began to find popularity with such novelty songs as "Ya Ya" and "Do Re Mi" in the late 1950s.

An energetic performer with a raw but instantly appealing voice, he produced his best work in the mid-1960s, performing songs from the pen of Allan Toussaint, New Orleans' most gifted post-war songwriter.

Although his most popular pieces usually involved some sort of gimmick in the lyric, Dorsey was quite capable of handling subtler songs, such as "Freedom for the Stallion", Toussaint's moving civil rights ballad, with admirable delicacy.

Mr Emil Jonsson, prime minister of Iceland for 11 months in 1958, died on November 30. He was 84.

An engineer by training, he was also speaker of the Althing (1956-58) and foreign minister (1965-71).

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS

Let they priests be clothed with righteousness, and let thy saints shout for joy.
Psalm 132 : 9

BIRTHS

BAER - On December 1st 1986, at St Mary's Hospital, London, to Amanda (*nee* Rooney) and Simon a son.(Matthew Thomas)

BOSSOM - On November 27th, to Penelope (née Holland - Martin), wife of Bruce, a daughter, Rosanna Emily.

BROWN - *On November 15th 1986, to* Derek and Jane (nee Eames), their first child, a son, Robert John Deshborough.

COLIVET DENNISON - On November 29th 1986, at U.C.H., to *Kim and* Peter, a son, Finbar.

DOEH - On November 26th, to Rosalind (née Church) and Doran, a son Benjamin Benedict, a brother for Anthony and Maximilian.

JENNINGS - On December 1st, at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guilford, to Vicky wife of Jeremy Jennings, a daughter.

LOUGH - On 28th November, to Christine (née Strachan) and Philip, a son, William David, a brother for Catriona and Juliet.

MAYO - On Novebmer 27th, to Ann (née Alexander) and Bryan, a son, Robert Alexander Lewis.

PICKUP - On December 1st, to Lucy (née Sloane Stanley) and Micheal, a daughter, Daisy May

READMAN - *On December 2nd 1986,* at Stirling Royal Infirmary, to Jane, wife of Sandy Readman, a daughter.

SCOTT - On November 25th, to Dorothy (née Hutchinson) and David, a daughter, Cordelia Emily Newton.

SYKES - On November 26th, at Wexham Park Hospital, to Celia (née Nicholas) and Mark, a daughter, Philippa Heylin Ann.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On December 1st, peacefully aged 70, Kenneth Balgowan, beloved husband of Nancy (née Laurier) and much loved father, father-in-law and grandfather to Alison, Stephen, Richard and Marianne. Funeral Friday 5th December 2pm, Aldershot Crematorium. Cut flowers only please or donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund via Farnham Funeral Service, 100 Shortheath Rd, Farnham.

BIRD - On November 28th, peacefully after an illness bravely borne in hospital, Major Leonard Stewart (Dickie) Bird aged 68, of Octavia Road, Isleworth, Middlesex. Former Major of the 23rd King's African Rifles and ex-Commando. Funeral Service at South West Middlesex Crematorium today, Thursday 4th, at 11am.

BOURKE - On Monday December 1st, peacefully after a long illness at Wisdom Hospice, Rochester, Shirley, beloved wife of Desmond John O'Donnell, mother of Theresa, Patrick, Isabelle and Andrew, and *grandmother of Alexander*, Genevieve and Vanessa. Funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, on Wednesday 10th December at 2.45 pm followed *committal at Vinter's Park Crematorium.* Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research.

CADMAN - On December 2nd, peacefully, James Simon, aged 77, dear *husband of Mary of Rhagatt Hall,* Corwen. Family service 2pm Friday Dec 5th at Pentrebychan Crematorium near Rexham. Service of thanksgiving for his life, 12 noon Tuesday Dec 9th, at St Luke's church, Silverdale, Newcastle, Staffs. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Injured Jockeys Co Ltd, Welwyn, Herts.

FRICKER - On November 29, peacefully at home amongst his family, Edward George Fricker, aged 76 years, the world famous healer, after a life time devoted to healing the sick. Funeral Service at St Paul's, Camlet Way, Hadley Wood, Herts, at 11.30 am on Monday December 8 1986, followed by interment at New Southgate Cemetery, Brunswick Park Road N11. Flowers may be sent to *Nethercott & Son, 150 Darkes Lane,* Potters Bar, Herts, by 10.00 am on December 8.

HORAN - On December 1st, peacefully, Tom, loving husband of Meg and dear father of Christopher, Sarah and Simon. Funeral 1pm Wednesday December 10th at St. Edward's, Chilton Polden. *No flowers.*

ILLINGWORTH - *On November 29th,* peacefully in hospital, Evelyn Maud Stuart. Private funeral service at Aldershot Park Crematorium. Floral tributes to A & W Goddard Ltd, Kent Rd, Fleet, Hampshire.

JAMES - *On December* 2nd 1986, peacefully at her home in Torquay, Molly, widow of Capt M D James RA, dearly loved mother of Diana and her family, and beloved Aunt Moll of Peter. Funeral sevice at St Matthias Church, Wellswood, Torquay on Saturday December 6th at 10.30am. Family flowers only. Donations for RUKBA may be sent ot Torbay and District Funeral Service, *Wellswood, Torquay.*

KENT - On December 1st 1986, passed peacefully away Percival Arthur of Broadlinks house, Paignton, Devon, loving husband of Jessie and father of Maureen, *Michael and Nichola.* Private funeral.

LICKMAN - on October 31st, after a short illness, at his home in New York, where he had lived for 20 years, *Ronald, well known London* designer, missed by his friends.

LOCKETT - On December 2nd, at Muthill, Crieff, Violet Reef, widow of Colonel Vivian Lockett, 17/21 Lancers. She donated her body for medical research. A service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. James's Church, Muthill, at 3-30pm on Monday December 8th. Memorial Service at St. Andrew's Church, Trowse, *Norwich, at noon on Friday* December 19th. Tokens in memory if desired .to The Friends of Norwich Cathederal, 73, The Close, Norwich. ' She lives again in lives made better by her presence'.

LORD - On November 30th, Mary (Pal) aged 81 years of Honiton, Devon. Formally of Tintagel, Cornwall. Funeral service in the Exeter and Devon crematorium tomorrow, Friday 5th December at 11.45am.

MAITLAND - On December 1st, peacefully at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, John Walter Maitland. Beloved husband of Vi Maitland. Funeral at Newton Stewart on 6th December at 11.30am.

PANETH - On November 30th, at Hazlewell Nursing Home, London SW15, after a creative and active life, Marie, in her ninety second year.

PIGOT - On Sunday November 30th, Major General Sir Robert Anthony Pigot Bart, CB OBE OSU DL. *Beloved husband of Sally and the late* Honor and father of Louise, Hugh, Robert and Sophie. Funeral service at Holy Trinity, Bembridge, IW, on Monday December 8th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to IW Lifeboat Board, c/o Lloyds bank, Ryde, IW. Memorial service at Holy Trinity, Cowes, IW on Friday January 9th 1987 at noon.

PRICHARD-JONES - On December 2nd *1986, suddenly, Richard William,* aged 72 years, of Forge Cottage, Whittlesford, Cambridge, younger son of the late Sir John Prichard Jones Bart and the late Lady Louth, formerly of Anglesey, beloved husband of Sally and adored *father* of Richard and Marie. Funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday December 9th at 11.30am. Floral tributes may be sent to Brian Warner Funeral Service, Harshel Court, Cambridge.

RUTISHAUSER - On November 30th 1986, *peacefully after prolonged illness,* Meta Rutishauser, in her 80th year, Sister at North Middlesex hos*pital for 33 years. Funeral Service at the Enfield Crematorium,* Enfield, on Tuesday 9th of December at 2pm. Enquiries to Barnard & Horlock Tel: 01 807 2568.

SULLIVAN - On November 30th, suddenly at *home* in the Borough, Terence, aged 73 years, uncle of Frances and Delia. Mass at Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Dockhead, SE16 at 12.30 pm. Wednesday 10th *December and thereafter St Patrick's* Cemetery, Leytonstone, at 2pm. Flowers to F.A. Albin & Sons, 52, Culling Rd, SE16.

SWIFT - On November 30th 1986, peacefully at St Georges Retreat, Ditchling Common, Sussex. Norah Ethel, late of Saffrons Road, Eastbourne, Sussex. Widow of Lionel Swift. Funeral service at St Marys Parish Church, Eastbourne, on *Thursday 11th December* at 11.15 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Wilfrids Hospice, 2 Mill Gap Road, Eastbourne, R.I.P.

TAMMITA - On December 2nd 1986, H.R.H. The Ran Bandara Tammita. May he attain Nirvana. Mourned by the Princess Asokamala, Prince *Sinharaja, Prince Anuradha* and Major Delgoda, 8 Popham Gardens, Richmond, Surrey.

VAUGHAN - On December 1st 1986, peacefully in her sleep at Dartmouth Hospital after a short illness, Diana Elizabeth Marjorie, beloved wife of *Edmond and mother of Juliet, Sally* and John. Funeral Service at St. Saviour's Church, Dartmouth at 2 pm on Monday 8th December. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation, c/o R.C. Pillar & Sons, Funeral Directors, Anzac Square, Dartmouth Tel: 08043 2121

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Science report

Britons set to lead Amazon expedition

By *Thomson Prentice*, Science Correspondent

One of the biggest research expeditions ever mounted into the Amazonian rain forests is being led by Britons.

A team of 50 scientists brought together by the Royal Geographical Society will tackle *five research programmes* in the remote and uninhabited Maraca Island area within the landmass of northern Brazil. The project is being officially launched in London today by the Prince of Wales, patron of the society.

The island, twice the size of the Isle of Wight, is covered in forest bounded by turbulent rivers, and has plentiful tropical wildlife. It was declared a nature reserve a few years ago. The Brazilian authorities have asked the society to undertake an ecological survey of the area.

In overall charge is the society's director, Dr *John* Hemming, who leaves soon to begin preparation for the field work which will go on throughout next year.

Dr Jim Ratter, of the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens, and a Brazilian co-leader will take a team to assess as many as possible of hundreds of thousands of species of insects, amphibians, birds, mammals and flora. The Royal Botanic *Gardens*, Kew, is sending botanists in what will be their main overseas effort for next year.

A rain forest regeneration programme, led by Dr John Proctor, of Stirling University, will study the natural cycle of growth after different types of destruction or clearing. Studies of soils and *hydrology*, including the erosion of soils exposed by forest clearing, will be led by Professor John Thornes, of Bris*tol* University.

A land resettlement programme, led by Dr Peter Furley, of Edinburgh University, will *study* the planned and spontaneous settlement of millions of Brazilians in Roraima, the most northern area of the country.

Human life in Amazonia has always been blighted by tropical diseases, which are spreading. Dr Derek Charlwood, of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, and a team of entomologists will study the habitats and breeding cycles of *some* of the insects which transmit infections.

Memorial service

Dr C. Young
A memorial service for Dr Carmichael Young was held in the chapel of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, yesterday. The Rev Barrie Newton officiated and *Professor* Sir Stanley Peart, of St Mary's Hospital Medical School, read the lesson. Mr Alisdair Fraser, representing the *medical* staff, gave an address.

Latest wills

Lord Woolley, of Hatton Heath, Cheshire, President of the National Farmers' Union 1960-66, left *estate* valued at £748,090 net.
Lady Fisher of Lambeth, widow of the former Archbishop of *Canterbury*, left estate valued at £55,429 net.
Mr Joseph Eric **Leach**, of St Asaph, Clwyd, left estate valued at £997,293 net.

Gray's Inn

Professor *Sir* Thomas Smith, QC, Professor John Meurig Thomas, FRS, and Baroness Warnock have been appointed *honorary* masters of the bench of Gray's Inn.

Lincoln's Inn

Mr Paul Heim, Registrar of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, has been elected *a bencher of Lincoln's Inn.*

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SELF CATERING from £99

01-785 7771 — *Self Catering & Hotels*
01-785 3131 — Chalet Parties
March Deps. 0422 78121
GENERAL ENQUIRIES 01-785 2200
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COMPANY NOTICES

QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY
4% FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURE STOCK
In preparation for the payment of the half-yearly interest due February 1, 1987 on the above Stock, the Transfer Books will be closed at 3.30 p.m. on January 9 and will be re-opened on January 13, 1987
December 4, 1986
D.R.KEAST
Assistant Secretary
50 Finsbury Square
London, EC2A 1DD

THE WELLCOME FOUNDATION *LIMITED*
U.S. $20,000,000 8¾% BONDS 1987
The annual report and accounts of The Wellcome Foundation Limited and of its parent company Wellcome plc, for the *financial year ended 30 August 1986* will be available for inspection at the offices of Messrs Slaughter and May, 35 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DB, during the usual business hours on any weekday (Saturday excepted) until 9 January 1987

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF NOTEWORTH ENGINEERING (SALES) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 2nd day of January 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Peter Scholey Dunn, FCA of 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 21st day of November 1986
P.S. DUNN
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE HILL MOORE PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 2nd day of January 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, *full particulars of their debts or claims,* and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Peter Scholey Dunn, FCA of 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London WC2 6LF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 20th day of November 1986
P.S. DUNN
LIQUIDATOR

Re: CARECRAFT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
And the Companies Act 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before the 2nd January 1986 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or *claims to the undersigned Peter R Copp* at 8 Baker Street, London W1 the Joint Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator are to come in and proved their said debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 14th day of November 1986.
R.A.SEGAL
JOINT LIQUIDATOR
PETER R COPP
JOINT LIQUIDATOR

Re: CARECRAFT GROUP LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
And the Companies Act 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before the 2nd January 1986 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned Peter R Copp at 8 Baker Street, London W1 the Joint Liq*uidator of the said Company and if so* required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator are to come in and proved their said debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 14th day of November 1986.
R.A.SEGAL
JOINT LIQUIDATOR
PETER R COPP
JOINT LIQUIDATOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO. 005680 of 1986
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
BARKER & DOBSON GROUP PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 3rd November 1986 confirming the reduction of the *amount* standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company to £10,000,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 14th November 1986.
Dated this 26th day of November 1986
Lovell, White & King
21 Holborn Viaduct
London EC1A 2DY
Solicitors to the above-named Company

RE: J & R TYPEWRITER SERVICES LIMITED
AND
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act, 1985 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Barbican City Hotel, Central Street, London EC1 on *Friday* the 12th day of December 1986 at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 589 and 590 of the said Act.
Dated this 24th day of November 1986
J.C. WHALEY
DIRECTOR

VAUGHAN AND CAMERON LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 588 of the Companies Act 1985, that a MEETING of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the New Barbican Hotel, Central Street, London EC1 on the 19th day of December 1986 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes provided for in Sections 588, 589 and 590 of the said Act.
DATED this 25th day of November 1986
By Order of the Board
J. SEDGEBEER
DIRECTOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No. 008107 of 1986
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
SELEX (U.K.) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 10th November 1986 *presented to Her Majesty's High Court of* Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £709,017 to £350,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice *Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of* Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday the 15th day of December 1986.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the *time of hearing in person or by Counsel* for that purpose.
A COPY of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED the 4th day of December 1986
Coward Chance
Royex House
Aldermanbury Square
London EC2V 9LD

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1986-87
CORN EXCHANGE
Notice is hereby given that application *has been made to Parliament* by B. L. Holdings Limited for leave to introduce in the present Session a Bill under the above name or short title the purposes of which are to relieve The Corn Exchange Company Limited of its statutory obliga*tions to provide a corn exchange*, to alter the objects and powers of that Company in consequence thereof and for related purposes.
On and after 4th December, 1986 a copy of the bill may be inspected and copies thereof may be obtained at the price of 50 pence each at the offices of B L Holdings, 10 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 4QP and at the offices of the undersigned Parliamentary Agents.
Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. The latest date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be on February 6th, 1987 if the Bill originates in the House of Lords, or January 30th, 1987 if the Bill originates in the House of Commons. Further information may be *obtained from the* office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, the Private Bill Office in the House of Commons or the undersigned Parliamentary Agents.
Dated this 27th day of November 1986
S J BERWIN & CO
236 Grays Inn Road
London WC1X 8HB
Solicitors
DYSON, BELL & CO
15 Great College Street
Westminster
London SW1P 3RX
Parliamentary Agents

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

British Heart Foundation
The heart research charity.
102 Gloucester Place,
London W1H 4DH.

Ten out of ten from the school inspectors

All present: Mrs Jones with her 150 pupils, teachers, parent helpers and dinner staff outside Addingham school, near Bradford. (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Addingham school, near Bradford, has been awarded a rare gold star by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools. In an unusually enthusiastic report, published yesterday, the inspectors described it as a place of "outstanding quality".

They said its curriculum was "rich and wide-ranging": the quality of the pupils' work and standard of teaching "consistently high".

The report went on to say that the children take a delight in their work; they are confident and eager to learn. Relations between staff and pupils are excellent and the atmosphere is "happy and secure".

Addingham school has 150 children on the roll, aged between four and nine years. Most come from in and around Addingham village, which is expanding rapidly and is known as an upwardly mobile area. About half the pupils are from middle-class homes and some 15 per cent live on local farms.

Mrs Judith Jones who has taught at the school for the past 20 years and served the past 11 as head teacher, said yesterday: "We are really thrilled about the report but it's also a bit of an anti-climax. The inspectors were here in January and we have moved on since then."

"We're progressive in the sense that we'll look at anything new — but not for the sake of jumping on the latest bandwagon.

"Some of our parents would like us to be more traditional. They'd have us all wearing blazers with crests and organized into houses.

"They tend to think that our emphasis on the creative things like art and music are time-wasting. But they put up with us because they know our work on language and maths is so good."

It is an analysis the inspectors confirm: "Standards of reading are high throughout the school . . . a broad range of mathematical experience is provided . . . the art and craft work is of high quality . . . the coincidence of these different elements is rarely found in one school."

The report was celebrated with buns and cream cakes for the children and bottles of wine for the staff.

Why Havers was left out of spy decision

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to allow the book was taken, Sir Robert said: "I have not discovered any minutes of it (the meeting) but I have to emphasize that these matters were being discussed in considerable secrecy apparently because we were not supposed to have a copy of the book."

The Government has so far refused to comment on the circumstances in which the manuscript came into its possession, a refusal maintained yesterday by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, in the Commons debate.

But *The Times* has now established from senior government sources that the explanation later given to the Attorney-General for his not having been consulted on the book was because of the very delicate and sensitive nature of the source.

The disclosure will add weight to the view held by the opposition parties that Sir Michael was not informed because he would have had to have been told that the book was illegitimately acquired. In his independent role as prosecutor Sir Michael would have had no choice but to initiate consideration of proceedings.

It is believed that the MI5 lawyers used that the argument — that they could not admit to breaking the law — to advance their claim that the book could not be stopped by an injunction.

Senior ministers can only surmise that it was either stolen from the publishers or Mr Pincher, handed to the Government by a sympathetic printer, or even "borrowed" — the text taken away, photocopied and returned.

BCal buys US jets for £700m

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405 passengers in a three-class layout and have a cargo capacity of 25 tonnes. It will be capable of operating non-stop over a range of 7,000 miles.

Although the aircraft so far only exists on paper McDonnell Douglas is expected to announce that building work will begin in the new year after the signing of orders from four other airlines who are expected to follow BCal within the next few weeks.

The order is the biggest ever placed by BCal and means that it now has a total of 17 new jets on order worth more than £1,000 million.

The MD-11 will carry up to 405 passengers in a three class layout.

Frank Johnson at the Commons

What is really bugging MPs

The House was waiting for the Alliance motion which would enable members, for the first time, to have a full debate on the Wright spy case as opposed to just questions and points of order. Suddenly, the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Nicholas Ridley, got up and made a statement on the rate support grant.

Spies, treason, leaks, illegal telephone-tapping and burglary by the security services are one thing. But, in the grim world in which Britain must live, the rate support grant is a deadly serious matter. Human lives are at stake — or at least human votes. Vast areas of the country could be occupied by what many see as the enemy with which since 1945 Britain has been fighting a long twilight struggle: the Labour Party. Whole constituencies could be wiped out for the Tories at the next election if Mr Ridley were to make one small slip. So, contrary to what some smart people may say, we are not playing games.

Deploying the deadly euphemisms of local government finance, Mr Ridley's statement simply said that "in the light of new information" he was announcing "revised proposals". He was consulting the local authorities.

Dr John Cunningham, his Opposition shadow, said it was "an unprecedented situation."

Eventually, the Speaker eased the tension by moving the House on to the debate on espionage. But not before Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) had risen on a point of order to ask what had become of the Speaker's promise on Monday to look into Mr Dalyell's allegation that Mr Kinnock's Commons telephone might have been tapped. How else could the Tories have known about the telephone calls to the anti-Government counsel in the Wright case?

Mr Dalyell took care on Monday to say his own Commons telephone had "behaved in a very strange manner." These days, many Labour backbenchers, especially those sponsored by the Post Office Union, would put that down to privatization. But on the Labour backbenches, a kind of surveillance chic prevails. There is a cachet attached to having your telephone tapped. Mr Dalyell was making it clear he was just as fashionable as Mr Kinnock.

The Speaker yesterday told him: "I am looking into the matter and shall be writing to the hon Gentleman." Paranoids on the Labour benches doubtless reacted with a suitable: "Writing, eh? The Speaker knows y'can't trust Thatcher's 'phones."

On to the spies. Dr Owen, moving the Alliance motion, made a masterly speech without notes, in which he put lots of difficult questions to the Home Secretary. Mr Douglas Hurd, who took notes of them and in his own speech took care not to answer any of them. Dr Owen became the first opponent of the Government to mount a really strong case against the Government's conduct of the Wright case. He did this by avoiding giving the impression that he could not care less about British State secrets and was only out to make people like Sir Robert Armstrong look silly. Thus he denounced Mr Wright's betrayal of his oath of secrecy — something Labour never do.

Mr Hurd, in his speech, praised Dr Owen as a way of damning the Labour backbencher who has virtually invented the alleged scandal: Mr Dale Campbell-Savours. When the latter interrupted Mr Hurd to ask why MI5 officers were allowed to leak to Mr Chapman Pincher, the Home Secretary replied that Mr Campbell-Savours was "out of his depth" compared with the high level attained by Dr Owen's speech.

Mr Benn then intervened to ask whether Mr Wright's allegations were true that MI5 had bugged and burgled the then Harold Wilson when Prime Minister. Mr Benn sounded envious of the then Prime Minister. In Labour terms, it would be the height of fashion to be bugged while Prime Minister. Mr Hurd referred Mr Benn to the Home Secretary of the period, Mr Roy Jenkins, who in his own elegant contribution to the debate said he knew nothing about it.

Mr Hurd rejected the Alliance idea that the legislature oversee the security services as in the United States. He urged us to be "somewhat chary" of "foreign models".

Foreign models? Mr Hurd did right to warn politicians against talking to such temptresses. For a Tory security scandal, all this case has lacked is sex.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, attends a Trustees' meeting and lunch to mark the launch of the Museum's Development Fund at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, SE10, 10; and presents the 1986 Binney Memorial Awards and unveils a plaque in memory of Captain Ralph Binney, RN, at Goldsmiths' Hall, EC2, 5pm.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits the Royal College of Music, 3.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester visits HMS Walrus at the Pool of London, 3.30.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, visits Integrated Power Semi-Conductors Limited, Livingstone, 11; and Vickers Marine Engineering Division, Edinburgh, 12.45; then Ballentyne Sports Wear Company Limited, Bonnyrigg, 3.10.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Royal Automobile Club, attends a meeting of the RAC British Motor Sports Council, preceded by a luncheon, at the Belgravia Sheraton Hotel, 12.30.

Princess Alexandra, chancellor, presides at a congregation for the conferment of Higher and Honorary Degrees at Lancaster University, 12.45

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend a reception to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Wellcome Trust at the Wellcome Building, Euston Road, 6.30.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Royal Jubilee Trusts, attends a meeting of the Administrative Council at 8 Bedford Row, 10.15; and opens Phase One of Brunel University's Science Park at Uxbridge, Middlesex, 3.30; Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, opens the new research facilities at the Institute of Neurology, the National Hospital, Queen's Square, 10.30.

Last chance to see

Works by Helen Firth and Anne Lightwood; The Open Eye Gallery, 75 Cumberland Street, Edinburgh; 10 to 12.

Music

Lunchtime concert by the Delmé String Quartet; St George's Music Trust, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1.

Harp recital by Imogen Barford and Mary Harris; Memorial Chapel, Exeter University, Exeter, 1.10.

University Madrigal Choir conducted by Isobel Woods; King's Hall, Newcastle University, 1.10.

New London Consort; Bedford School, Bedford, 7.45.

Anniversaries

Births: **John Cotton**, Puritan leader in New England, Derby, 1585; **Thomas Carlyle**, Ecclefechan, Dumfriesshire, 1795; **Samuel Butler**, author of *The Way of All Flesh*, Langar Rectory, Notts, 1835. **Rainer Maria Rilke**, poet, Prague, 1875

Deaths: **Cardinal Richelieu**, Chief Minister to Louis XIII of France, Paris, 1642; **Thomas Hobbes**, philosopher, Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, 1679; **John Gay**, poet and author of *The Beggars' Opera*, London, 1732; **Robert Banks Jenkinson**, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, Prime Minister 1812-27, London, 1828; **Stefan George**, poet, Minusio, Switzerland, 1933; **Thomas Morgan**, geneticist, Pasadena, California, 1945; **Benjamin Britten**, Baron Britten, Aldeburgh, 1976.

The Observer was first published, 1791. William Pitt introduced income tax, 1798.

Books — paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week

FICTION

Collected Stories, by Maurice Gee (Penguin, £3.95)
Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands, by Jorge Amado, translated by Harriet de Onis (Serpent's Tail, £6.95)
Nine Men Who Laughed, by Austin Clarke (Penguin, £3.95)
The Big Man, by William McIlvanney (Sceptre, £3.50)
The Wrong People, by Robin Maugham (GMP, £3.95)

NON-FICTION

Arthur Sullivan, by Arthur Jacobs (Oxford, £5.95)
Days and Nights in Calcutta, by Clark Blaise and Bharati Mukherjee (Penguin, £3.95)
Four Jacobean City Comedies, edited with an introduction and notes by Gamini Salgado (Penguin Classics, £4.95)
Rudyard Kipling, His Life and Work, by Charles Carrington (Penguin, £4.95)
Six Months in Hawaii, by Isabella Bird (KPI, £7.95)

PH

The Halifax House Price Index

		ALL HOUSES Index	Average price £	Annual change%	NEW HOUSES Index	Average price £	Annual change%
1983		100.0	30898		100.0	34795	
1984		107.2	30952	7.2	106.9	34059	6.9
1985		117.0	32953	9.1	115.4	37357	8.0
1985	quarter 3	117.6	32678	7.7	116.4	37347	7.7
	quarter 4	120.7	34407	8.7	119.8	40122	9.5
1986	quarter 1	122.5	35184	9.2	120.9	40892	9.0
	quarter 2	128.6	38286	11.0	125.2	44492	10.0
	quarter 3	133.1	40475	13.2	129.5	46568	11.3
1985	November	120.5	34399	8.2	119.7	40071	9.2
	December	122.2	34917	9.7	122.1	41015	10.8
1986	January	121.0	34372	8.7	120.3	40529	8.5
	February	122.3	34941	9.3	119.8	39733	8.4
	March	124.0	36034	9.7	122.5	42357	10.2
	April	126.7	37536	10.0	122.7	43771	7.4
	May	128.4	37800	11.0	125.4	44121	10.5
	June	130.8	39453	12.1	127.5	45611	12.4
	July	132.3	40260	13.6	128.3	46362	11.0
	August	133.1	40828	13.6	130.7	47304	12.6
	September	134.1	40427	12.8	129.8	46095	10.7
	October	136.1	41554	13.6	131.4	45780	11.4
	November	136.9	40173	13.6	132.5	48898	10.7

Source: Halifax Building Society

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.15
Austria Sch	20.85	19.65
Belgium Fr	62.10	58.50
Canada $	2.05	1.96
Denmark Kr	11.15	10.55
Finland Mkk	7.43	6.93
France Fr	9.64	9.14
Germany Dm	2.96	2.79
Greece Dr	233.00	213.00
Hong Kong $	11.46	10.86
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.03
Italy Lira	2055.00	1935.00
Japan Yen	245.00	231.00
Netherlands Gld	3.33	3.15
Norway Kr	11.20	10.60
Portugal Esc	231.00	209.00
South Africa Rd	3.85	3.25
Spain Pta	197.75	187.75
Sweden Kr	10.25	9.70
Switzerland Fr	2.465	2.325
USA $	1.495	1.425
Yugoslavia Dnr	820.00	720.00

Retail Price Index: 388.4

London: The *FT* index closed 9.3 down at 1,289.1

Roads

The North: A49: Lane closures at Warrington bridge area. **A636:** Water baord roadworks at Denby Dale Road, Wakefield, no right turn into Thornes Road for traffic leaving Wakefield. **M63:** Road widening scheme continues at Barton Bridge, Greater Manchester, avoid area if possible.

Scotland: Edinburgh City: George Street closed between Hanover Street and Frederick Street from 12pm until 5am. **A9:** Lane closures at Burghmuir Road, Stirling. **A74:** Width restrictions and delays from junction 7 (Larkhall A72 junction).

Information supplied by AA

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Advance Petroleum Revenue Tax Bill, remaining stages.

Lords (3): Recognition of Trusts Bill, Ministry of Defence Police Bill, and Broadcasting Bill, second readings. Debate on proposed oil pipeline through the New Forest.

Our address

Information for inclusion in The Times Information service should be sent to: The Editor, TTIS, The Times, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London, E1 9XN.

Portfolio Gold

Portfolio - how to play
Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

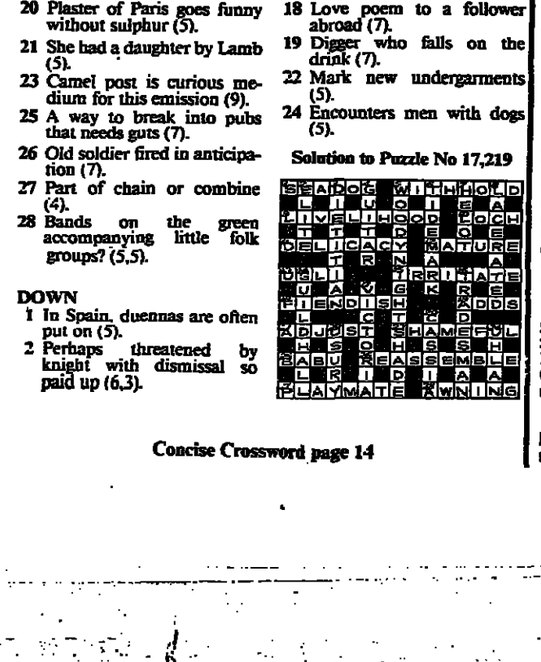
You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,220



ACROSS

1 Breach in party about the Right (10).
6 No boring part in this memorial service (4).
10 Scorned performance with free admission (7).
11 Short girl wearing scent in labour (7).
12 Each one an island? Absolutely (5,4).
13 Soldiers thus bring colour to a large assembly (5).
14 Dog caught in bear-hug (5).
15 Starting fighting (7,2).
17 Actor's cue to chat with crowd, perhaps (9).
20 Plaster of Paris goes funny without sulphur (5).
21 She had a daughter by Lamb (5).
23 Camel post is curious medium for this emission (9).
25 A way to break into pubs that needs guts (7).
26 Old soldier fired in anticipation (7).
27 Part of chain or combine (4).
28 Bands on the green accompanying little folk groups? (5,5).

DOWN

1 In Spain, duennas are often put on (5).
2 Perhaps threatened by knight with dismissal so paid up (6,3).
3 London house where events took a farcical turn (7,7).
4 News of rising? It rings a bell (7).
5 Won at Bisley? You may have to shout! (7).
7 The party of a dissenting order, presumably (5).
8 Kind of lens required for Gray's view of Eton? (9).
9 Charge by *The Times*, perhaps, for stout wrapper (9,5).
14 Group bore avoided by anonymity (4-5).
16 Development of plan for baby carriage (9).
18 Love poem to a follower abroad (7).
19 Digger who falls on the drink (7).
22 Mark new undergarments (5).
24 Encounters men with dogs (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,219

Concise Crossword page 14

WEATHER

A mild south-westerly airflow will persist over much of the country, but rather colder air will gradually encroach into northern and western areas as a cold front moves erratically south-eastwards. Southern Britain will stay mostly dry and mild with a lot of cloud. Over North Wales, northern England, Northern Ireland and southern and western Scotland outbreaks of rain are likely and may be heavy in the W. Much of NE Scotland will be dry and bright. Many areas will be windy. Outlook for Friday and Saturday: Some rain spreading to the S and E during Friday, then brighter and rather colder with some showers, chiefly in the N and W.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM HT	PM HT
London Bridge	3.07 7.1	3.32 7.4
Aberdeen	2.42 4.4	2.54 4.4
Avonmouth	8.50 13.2	9.15 12.8
Belfast	12.07 3.6	12.29 3.8
Cardiff	8.35 12.1	9.00 11.8
Devonport	7.28 5.8	8.01 5.3
Dover	12.12 6.7	12.34 6.6
Falmouth	6.58 5.4	7.31 5.1
Glasgow	2.00 4.9	2.18 5.1
Harwich	1.00 3.9	1.30 4.0
Holyhead	11.46 5.8	
Hull	7.48 7.4	8.02 7.4
Ilfracombe	7.24 9.4	7.51 9.1
Leith	3.57 5.7	4.19 5.6
Liverpool	12.24 9.5	12.45 9.6
Lowestoft	10.59 2.8	11.09 2.6
Margate	1.12 4.8	1.37 5.0
Milford Haven	7.45 7.2	8.12 6.9
Newquay	6.35 7.2	7.03 6.9
Oban	7.08 4.2	7.31 3.8
Penzance	6.29 5.7	7.04 5.4
Portland	8.32 2.4	9.06 2.2
Portsmouth	12.43 4.7	12.58 4.7
Shoreham	12.26 6.3	12.43 6.3
Southampton	12.05 4.5	12.19 4.5
Swansea	7.48 9.7	8.13 9.4
Tees	5.08 5.5	5.20 5.6
Witon-on-Nze	12.55 4.2	1.21 4.3

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	-	14	57	dull
Bridlington	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Cromer	-	-			
Lowestoft	1.7	-	11	52	bright
Clacton	0.4	-	10	50	cloudy
Southend	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Margate	-	-	12	54	sunny
Folkestone	2.9	-	11	52	bright
Hastings	4.7	-	11	52	sunny
Eastbourne	2.7	-	12	54	bright
Brighton	3.4	-	11	52	sunny
Worthing	3.9	-	12	54	bright
Littlehmptn	2.7	-	12	54	bright
Bognor R	4.7	-	12	54	sunny
Southsea	0.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Sandown	4.5	-	12	54	sunny
Shanklin	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Bournemth	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Poole	0.8	-	13	55	cloudy
Swanage	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Weymouth	0.6	-	12	54	bright
Exmouth	1.7	-	14	57	cloudy
Teignmouth	2.2	-	14	57	cloudy
Torquay	2.2	-	14	57	bright
Falmouth	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Penzance	1.8	-	14	57	bright
Scilly Isles	1.0	-	13	55	rain
Jersey	4.6	-	13	54	sunny
Guernsey	5.5	-	14	57	sunny
Newquay	2.2	-	14	57	bright
Ilfracombe	-	-	14	57	dull
B'pool Airpt	-	.55	13	55	rain
Morecambe	-	-	13	55	rain
Douglas	-	.22	12	54	rain
B'ham Airpt	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Bristol (Cnt)	2.2	-	14	57	bright
Carlisle	-	.06	13	55	rain
London	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Manchester	-	-	14	57	drizzle
N'cti-n-Tyne	0.1	.06	14	57	rain
Nottingham	-	-	13	55	dull
Anglesey	-	.19	13	55	rain
Cardiff (Cst)	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	-	.45	14	57	rain
Tenby	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Aberdeen	0.9	-	13	55	rain
Edinburgh	-	.39	12	54	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.11	10	50	rain
Glasgow	-	.46	12	54	rain
Kinloss	-	.07	11	52	rain
Lerwick	-	.49	9	48	shower
Prestwick	-	.44	12	54	rain
Stornoway	-	.92	11	52	rain
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Belfast	-	.19	13	55	rain

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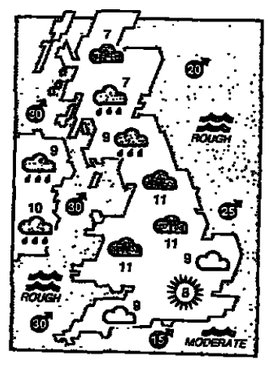

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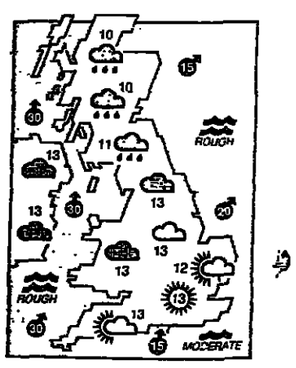

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.24 pm to 7.19 am
Bristol 4.34 pm to 7.28 am
Edinburgh 4.12 pm to 7.55 am
Manchester 4.22 pm to 7.37 am
Penzance 4.51 pm to 7.34 am

Sun rises: 7.48 am
Sun sets: 3.54 pm
Moon rises 11.24 am
Moon sets 6.30 pm
First quarter: December 8

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c. cloud; f. fair; r. rain; s. sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r	10	50		
B'mngham	c	12	54	Inverness	c 9 48
Blackpool	c	12	54	Jersey	f 10 50
Bristol	c	13	55	London	c 12 54
Cardiff	c	13	55	M'nchster	c 13 55
Edinburgh	r	9	48	Newcastle	r 14 57
Glasgow	r	10	50	R'nldsway	r 12 54
Guernsey	s	12	54		

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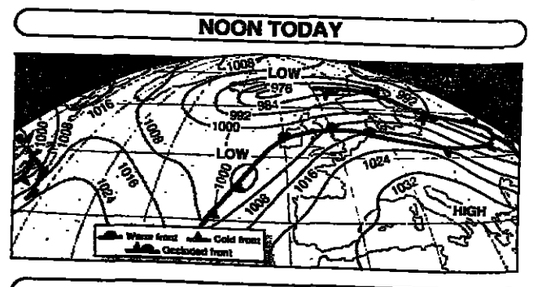

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c. cloud; d. drizzle; f. fair; fg. fog; r. rain; s. sun; sn. snow; t. thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s	15	59	Cologne	s	10	50	Majorca	f	18	64	Rome	s	13	55
Alicante	f	17	63	C'phagen	s	10	50	Malaga	f	18	64	Salzburg	s	9	48
Alex'dria	f	18	64	Corfu	s	18	64	Malta	s	17	63	S F'isco*	s	12	54
Algiers	s	19	66	Dublin	r	13	55	Melb'rne	f	23	73	Santiago*	s	28	82
Amst'dam	s	10	50	Dubrovnik	s	18	64	Mexico C*	c	15	59	S Paulo*	c	24	75
Athens	s	16	61	Faro	f	17	63	Miami*	c	28	82	Seoul	r	5	41
Bahrain	c	19	66	Florence	fg	3	37	Milan	s	7	45	Sing'por	f	29	84
Barbados*	s	29	84	Frankfurt	d	5	41	Montreal*	c	-4	25	St'kholm	r	2	36
Barcelna	s	15	59	Funchal	s	20	68	Moscow	s	-3	27	Strasb'rg	s	7	45
Beirut				Geneva	c	0	32	Munich	s	9	48	Sydney	s	23	73
Belgrade	s	6	43	Gibraltar	c	17	63	Nairobi				Tangier	f	16	61
Berlin	s	10	50	Helsinki	f	-3	27	Naples	s	15	59	Tel aviv	c	17	63
Bermuda*	c	20	68	Hong K	r	17	63	N Delhi	s	20	68	Tenerife	f	21	70
Biarritz	s	18	64	Innsbruck	s	5	41	N York*	c	8	46	Tokyo	c	7	45
Borde'x	s	10	50	Istanbul	c	8	46	Nice	s	14	57	Toronto*	sn	1	34
Boul'ne	s	10	50	Jeddah	s	27	81	Oslo	c	3	37	Tunis	f	18	64
Brussels	s	11	52	Jo'burg*	f	28	82	Paris	s	7	45	Valencia	f	15	59
Budapest	fg	1	34	Karachi				Peking	s	5	43	Vanc'ver*	s	4	39
B Aires*	s	25	77	L Palmas	s	21	70	Perth	f	24	75	Venice	c	10	50
Cairo	c	18	64	Lisbon	s	14	57	Prague	s	9	48	Vienna			
Cape Tn	f	22	72	Locarno	s	8	46	Reykjvik	c	-1	30	Warsaw	c	7	45
C'blanca	c	18	64	L Angels*	s	19	66	Rhodes	s	16	61	Wash'ton*	r	10	50
Chicago*	c	4	39	Luxembg	fg	1	34	Rio de J	f	27	81	Wel'nton	c	13	55
Chr'church	c	13	55	Madrid	f	11	52	Riyadh	c	14	57	Zurich	fg	-1	30

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1269.1 (–9.3)

FT-SE 100
1615.1 (–10.4)

Bargains
25431 (27395)

USM (Datastream)
128.89 (–0.53)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4310 (–0.0020)

W German mark
2.8241 (0.0003)

Trade-weighted
67.9 (+0.1)

Avana 'not for us' says Northern

Northern Foods, the food group, yesterday reiterated that it had no intention of altering its 20.3 per cent shareholding in Avana Group.

Mr Christopher Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods, said: "We have had a substantial shareholding in Avana since the early 1970s and have no intention of either adding to it or reducing it."

Mr Haskins was speaking at a meeting after the announcement of Northern Foods' results. in the six months to September turnover fell 4 per cent to £730.5 million and pretax profits increased from £34.6 million to £37.1 million.

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Tate & Lyle profits up

Tate & Lyle reported pretax profits up 6.2 per cent to £81.5 million on turnover up 1 per cent to £1.6 billion. There was an extraordinary loss due to the installation of new packing machinery of £12.9 million. The dividend was increased 4.5 per cent to 23p net.

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Euromoney up

Euromoney Publications, the financial magazine, information and conference group founded by Sir Patrick Sergeant, former City editor of the *Daily Mail*, yesterday reported a 27 per cent increase in pretax profits to £5.2 million for the year ended September 30.

Stake sold

Stormgard, Mrs Jennifer d'Abo's investment vehicle which owns the Selincourt textile group, is selling its 9.7 per cent stake in Frank Usher, the dressmaker, for £634,753. The money will be used to reduce borrowings.

Bank opposes

The International Tin Council's move to strike out a petition for its compulsory winding-up has met with further opposition in the High Court. Kleinwort Benson, the merchant banker, which claims to be owed £7 million by the ITC, was given leave to apply on Friday to join Amalgamated Metal Trading in opposing the striking out.

Profits jump

Smith & Nephew Associated Companies, the manufacturer of medical and healthcare products, reported a 22.5 per cent increase in pretax profits to £58.2 million, on sales up 6.5 per cent to £350 million, for the 40 weeks to October 4.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1952.90 (–2.69)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	18455.06 (+264.09)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2460.00 (+1.80)
Amsterdam: Gen	286.4 (+3.2)
Sydney: AO	1390.5 (+13.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	2079.0 (+25.1)
Brussels:	
General	4061.20 (+22.67)
Paris: CAC	404.5 (+6.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	565.10 (+4.80)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	81.55 (+0.32)

Closing prices

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank $11^{7}/_{16}$–$11^{1}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $10^{7}/_{32}$–$^{23}/_{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6⅜%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.40-5.39%*
30-year bonds $102^{27}/_{32}$-102½*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4310	$: £1.4320*
£: DM2.9241	$: DM1.9715*
£: SwFr2.3518	$: SwFr1.6415*
£: FFr9.2514	$: FFr6.4585*
£: Yen232.11	$: Yen162.25*
£: Index:67.9	$: Index:110.0
ECU £0.733833	SDR £0.846466

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
J. Latham	305p (+22p)
Oxford Inst.	399p (+18p)
Unilever	2110p (+15p)
Pentland Inds.	470p (+15p)
Pittard Group	170p (+12p)
Bestwood	175p (+20p)
Reuters	585p (+17p)
Asda Props.	385p (+12p)
Conroy Pets.	610p (+55p)
FALLS:	
Grand Met.	456p (–10p)
Simon Engineering	319p (–12p)
Birmingham Mint	163p (–13p)
Morgeau Holdings	145p (–63p)
Fletcher King	178p (–12p)
Saatchi & Saatchi	673p (–12p)
Standard Chart.	783p (–36p)
Willis Faber	439p (–15p)
Morgan Grenfell	356p (–12p)
London & Edin.	555p (–33p)
Cons. Gold	538p (–11p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $385.25 pm-$389.75
close $392.25-392.75 (£273.75-274.25)
New York:
Comex $392.90-393.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) pm$14.85bbl ($14.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

Rough day for Guinness adviser

Morgan price hits new low

By Lawrence Lever

Shares in Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank adviser to Guinness, fell to an all time low yesterday amid speculation in the market that a top level director was about to resign over the Government investigation into Guinness.

The shares fell 14 pence to 354 pence. Guinness shares also fell to 274½ pence – a record low for the year – before recovering slightly to close at 279 pence.

Mr George Miller, director of personnel at Morgan Grenfell denied that any resignation was imminent. "It is not true at all. No resignation is being contemplated," he said.

Meanwhile the DTI investigation appears to be focussing on three key areas of the Guinness bid. These are possible insider dealing, the question of whether there was an undisclosed concert party purchasing Guinness shares or whether there was a so-called "sweetheart deal" struck between Guinness and the Rapid America Corporation whose Schenley subsidiary distributed Distillers' products in America.

Schenley, through a company called Atlantic Nominees were heavy buyers of Guinness shares in the closing stages of the bid, pushing up its share price – and the value of its bid – up.

Mr Ian Chapman (above), chairman of William Collins, the Glasgow publishing group, has joined the board of Guinness as a non-executive director. Mr Chapman becomes the fifth and final member of a powerful committee of non-executives on the brewing company board which under certain circumstances will be able to appoint or remove the group chairman and deputy chairman.

Previously Mr Meshulam Riklis, the owner of Rapid America approached Argyll offering to support the Argyll bid for Distillers in return for continuance of the distribution agreement. Mr Gulliver is understood to have told Mr Riklis that he could not give any undertaking on the contract.

A representative of Mr Ivan Boesky also approached Mr Gulliver after he had bid for Distillers but before Guinness had launched its rival bid.

Mr Boesky who had a large shareholding in Distillers at the time is understood to have offered his support for the Argyll bid – an offer which Mr Gulliver also declined.

A Guinness spokesman last night said that Distillers' relationship with Rapid America went back to 1936. He added that Distillers had renewed its three-year contract with Rapid – not Guinness – and that this had taken place in January this year.

Fewer than expected apply for gas shares

By Richard Lander

The number of people applying for shares in the £5.6 billion British Gas flotation has fallen well short of expectations, although the issue was still well oversubscribed.

According to preliminary estimates, some 3.5 to four million applications were received by yesterday's 10am deadline, compared to the six million that organizers had been talking about.

Mr Michael Henman of Dewe Rogerson, publicity advisers to British Gas, said the shortfall was largely due to members of households applying jointly, using a priority registration form, rather than individually.

"We still hope that we'll have roughly 5.5 to six million shareholders. The average application appears to be about £1,300 which is more than we expected and higher than TSB or British Telecom." Mr Anthony Alt of N M Rothschild, merchant bank advisers to the issue, also refused to be disappointed. "We'll end up with at least 3.5 million share allotments – more than any other issue, because we have no intention of balloting".3 million people applied for BT shares while only three million of the five million applicants for TSB were succesful when the bank was floated in October.

Using the £1,300 average application, the public British offer of 1.61 billion shares appears to be about five times oversubscribed and will be increased to 2.58 billion shares by "clawing back" stock originally allocated to British, and foreign institutions. The exact basis of allocation will be announced by on Monday.

City analysts said the clawback should mean a healthy start to trading next Monday afternoon.

Stock Exchange dealings are expected to start at between 60 and 70p.

Directors' pay beats inflation

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Directors' salaries in the past 12 months have risen between 6 and 7 per cent, with total remuneration up as much as 12 per cent, and in the next year the total is likely to rise again by up to 10 per cent.

However, executive chairmen did better. They saw an 11.1 per cent salary increase. All the increases in the survey were well ahead of the inflation rate.

These conclusions emerged yesterday in the latest annual survey of directors' pay carried out by Reward Regional Surveys and the Institute of Directors. It said that the increases in the 12 months to September were lower than some other estimates.

The Confederation of British Industry had reported that on the boards of its member companies remuneration was increasing at 14 per cent a year and there have been other forecasts that over the next year directors are likely to see increases of up to 20 per cent.

A typical candidate was a managing director earning £30,000 a year or, if profits-related bonuses are taken into account, the total remuneration stands at £34,750. The basic pay was up 7.1 per cent and total pay 12.1 per cent.

The typical managing director was 45 years old, preferred a Jaguar and ran a company with a £5.5 million turnover and 66 employees.

Among managing directors, 81 per cent were in company-arranged medical schemes, 77 per cent in pension schemes and 31 per cent had a degree.

Executive directors typically had basic pay of £25,000 after a 6 per cent rise and total pay of £27,000, an 11.1 per cent increase. They tended to be older – 48 – preferred a Ford Granada and they were involved on average in bigger companies.

The survey covered 6,220 directors

who thought that next year their salaries would go up only 5 per cent, but the survey suggests, that since directors always underestimate on this, a likelier forecast was for a 7 per cent rise.

This compares with Rewards' forecast for staff and management increases in the next year of 5.4 per cent.

Directors Rewards 1986-87: £120 from Reward Regional Surveys, 1 Mill Street, Stone, Staffs ST15 8BA.

Nick Rogers

Lacking in energy: exhausted Oscar

A billion-dollar day for oil baron Oscar

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

For those who have missed out in putting their money in the hands of Sir Denis Rooke at British Gas there is an alternative; Mr Oscar Sherman Wyatt Junior, an oil millionaire from Texas who, had you put a dollar in his company back in 1955, would now repay it 83 times over.

Mr Wyatt's company, The Coastal Corporation, worth $1 billion (£700 million), was placed on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. And the similarities between it and British Gas, and Mr Wyatt and Sir Denis are what makes the oil and gas sector the most colourful in the business.

Both men have built their companies into dominant forces in their own market places. Both are known for their outspokenness.

However, while Sir Denis was presented with his company by the Government, Mr Wyatt founded Coastal himself in 1955. He raised the $800 necessary by selling his *1949 model-A Ford*.

Coastal has revenues of £5,196 million compared with British Gas reveanes of £5,122 million. Its operating profit *last year was £483 million* while British Gas made £688 million. Coastal has assets worth £5,814 million while British Gas has assets of *£4,037 million*.

Mr Wyatt had some advice for Sir Denis, now that he is operating in the private sector: "Be careful," Mr Wyatt *warned*.

"I wish him well and envy him. Who wouldn't envy someone being given a large established company by the Government."

P & O cleared for Euro Ferries bid today

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Sir Jeffrey Sterling's P & O and European Ferries went straight into merger talks yesterday after a complete clearance by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of P & O's control of a fifth of European Ferries' capital.

Shares in both companies were suspended before the release of the Monopolies Commission's verdict yesterday morning; European Ferries at 122p and P & O *deferred at 523p. If the talks* succeed, a takeover bid valuing European Ferries at more than £300 million is likely to be announced this morning.

The commission's report said that the merger situation "does not and may not be expected to operate against the public interest" due to freedom of entry into the markets.

A takeover would give P & O control of the leading cross-Channel ferry group Townsend Thoresen and of *the ports of Felixstowe and* Larne. The combination of these and P & O's Ferrymaster door-to-door international road freight interest, which has a large business with European Ferries through Dover and Southampton, poses a further threat to the Eurotunnel.

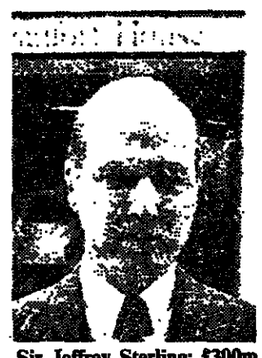
Almost two years ago, P & O sold its cross-Channel ferry business to Townsend Thoresen for £12.5 million. The commission's referral in June stemmed from P & O's purchase last Christmas of 50.1 per cent of a company owning a fifth of European Ferries. Sir Jeffrey joined the European Ferries board.

There has been speculation over the future of the ferry group ever since its driving force, Mr Keith Wickenden, was killed in a flying accident in 1983. Mr Ken Siddle, who stepped up to the chair, handed the reins to Mr Geoffrey Parker, former head of *Felixstowe Dock*, in July and resigned as managing director in October.

European Ferries made a £4 million loss against a previous £6 million profit in the traditionally lean first half of the year and profits for the full year are likely to fall short of last year's £48 million.

P & O, valued at £1.7 billion, has already had an acquisitive year, buying out *other interests* in the OCL container group for £190 million and paying £380 million for Stock Conversion.

P&O



Sir Jeffrey Sterling: £300m takeover bid likely

'Irregular deals' at Exco branch

By John Bell, City Editor

Exco International, one of London's largest money broking groups, last night disclosed that it had discovered "dealing irregularities" at one of its subsidiaries, Municipal Brokers, which deals in local authority loans.

The City of London Fraud Squad was notified two days ago. A spokesman said the matter was not being treated as a case of insider dealing.

Exco has recently agreed terms of a £670 million takeover from the British & Commonwealth Shipping Co, now headed by Mr John Gunn.

Mr Gunn was a founder of *Exco seven years ago and is* credited with being largely responsible for its rapid growth ever since.

He left Exco slightly more than a year ago after a disagreement with the board over his ambitious expansion plans for the group and joined B & C, where he took over as chief executive last month and almost immediately launched the bid for Exco.

Exco said the dealing irregularities involved former employees who appeared to have benefited personally from the transactions.

No details were given but Exco pledged that it would compensate any clients who had suffered when the full details of the losses were calculated.

No estimate of the size of the losses has been given but Exco said they were "not material in group terms".

The transactions concerned are being investigated by the company lawyers

AE attack on asbestos claims

By Cliff Feltham

AE, the engineering group, launched another bitter attack last night on Turner & Newall for refusing to give details of its exposure to claims relating to asbestos-related disease.

AE, which is fighting a takeover bid from Turner & Newall which closes tomorrow, said it had become aware of further "disturbing facts" relating to the company's potential exposure. Sir John Collyear, AE's chairman, who is backing a rival bid from Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis group, said asbestos manufacturers were likely to be under continued atttack from litigation in the US after action by attorney generals of several states.

He said a Turner & Newall asbestos-based insulation product was in use in 22 states. He said he understood that at a key meeting next week all US attorney generals were likely to be urged to get together to co-operate in claims

Hollis has taken its stake in AE up to 29 per cent.

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£818m lightning newspaper takeover

Murdoch's media buy

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

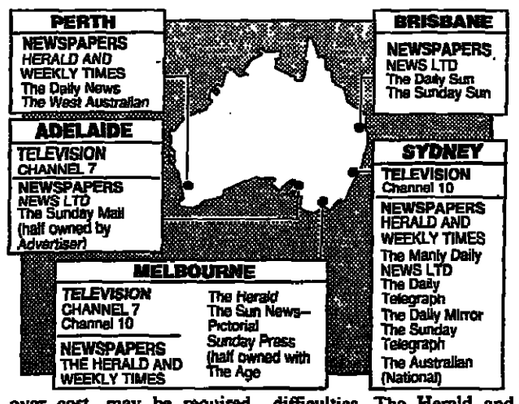
Mr Rupert Murdoch appears on the verge of a major new media deal in Australia after a lightning takeover campaign for the Herald and Weekly Times group.

The board of the Melbourne-based group announced last night that it would recommend acceptance of an Australian $1.8 billion (£818m) takeover offer which presages a major shake-up within Australia's influential media fraternity.

Yesterday's move restores a family connection – Sir Keith Murdoch, father of Mr Rupert Murdoch, headed the Herald group until his death in 1952. "It would be wrong to deny that it is an emotional moment for me," Mr Murdoch told a news conference as he announced his bid to add the group to his film, television, newspaper and magazine interests.

Mr Murdoch indicated that in order to make the acquisition his News Corporation might sell four of its local television channels. The most likely bidders in any sale would be Mr Robert Holmes à Court and Mr Alan Bond, both of whom have extensive media holdings.

Sale of the television channels, while off-setting the takeover cost, may be required under draft legislation framed by the Hawke government to limit the influence of the Australian media owners, although Mr Murdoch is now an American citizen.



The offer of A$12 cash (£5.45) per share or equivalents in convertible notes or News Corporation shares was made yesterday morning in Australia with a 5pm deadline for acceptance. The Melbourne group has resisted recent takeover bids – by the Fairfax organization, Mr Kerry Packer and Mr Holmes à Court. Mr Murdoch made an unsuccessful offer in 1979.

Yesterday's offer was hard to resist against the background of the group's financial difficulties. The Herald and Weekly Times organization has been one of Australia's most profitable media empires as well as being its largest but the flagship of the group, *The Herald*, has been losing circulation and money.

Under the terms of the proposed media legislation, which has been designed to check a drift towards interests being concentrated in the hands of a few individuals or organizations it will not be possible to own newspapers and television stations in the same area.

The legislation will not affect existing holdings. But if passed it will probably require News Corporation to sell the television components.

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FINAL OFFER FOR
AE PLC

VALUE OF T&N FINAL OFFER:
(part share, part cash)
282·4p

VALUE OF ADDITIONAL SHARE ELECTION UNDER T&N FINAL OFFER:
(assuming full satisfaction of such an election)
287p

THE RENEWED OFFER IS FINAL AND WILL CLOSE AT 1.00 p.m. ON 5th DECEMBER, 1986 UNLESS IT IS THEN UNCONDITIONAL AS TO ACCEPTANCES

ADDITIONAL SHARE ELECTIONS AND ADDITIONAL CASH ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER 1.00 p.m. ON 5th DECEMBER, 1986 IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

The values of the offer are based on the price of 184p per Turner & Newall ordinary share at 3.30 p.m. on 3rd December, 1986

AE: a company at bay

How engineering group AE tried to repel a £270m hostile bid from Turner & Newall, found an unlikely white knight in Robert Maxwell . . . and now awaits its fate

Tombs (left) and Maxwell: engineering a nail-biting tug-of-war

One of the longest and mostbitter takeover battles draws to a climax tomorrow with the close of the £270 million offer by Turner & Newall, the asbestos group, for AE, the engineering company.

As it does, the curtain will come down on an extraordinary saga which has had all the ingredients of a best-selling corporate thriller.

The struggle for control of an unfashionable engineering business has besmirched the reputation of a leading merchant bank and stockbroking firm and generated the worst scandal of insider dealing to hit the City.

The conclusion will be a nail-biting affair. Turner & Newall believes it has enough backing from City institutions to lift its present stake in AE from 42 per cent to over the crucial 50 per cent level.

But the tug-of-war for AE has also heralded the arrival of publisher Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis Group which has now inched its way to a 29 per cent holding.

There was certainly little hint of the dramatic developments to come when, in June, Turner & Newall, under the chairmanship of Sir Francis Tombs, launched a hostile £196 million bid for AE.

It was in itself a remarkable step for Turner & Newall which had only just recovered from a position of near collapse. The share price had plunged as it faced mounting claims from the victims of asbestosis.

It was keen to reduce its dependence on mining and its reliance on earnings from Africa and India and saw a tie-up with AE — both companies had motor component divisions — as a way out of its difficulties.

AE fought back fiercely. It claimed it was doing all right on its own — a change from the weakened state it had been in during 1983 when it agreed to a bid from GKN only to have the merger blocked by the Monopolies Commission.

The market scented blood and the possibilities of an auction for AE. Turner & Newall said the acquisition would help to make AE more competitive in world markets.

Sir John Collyear, chairman of AE, poured scorn on the asbestos group, describing it as a company "beset by inherent and serious problems."

After the ritualistic abuse Turner & Newall fired in a blockbuster final "take it or leave it" offer worth £247 million.

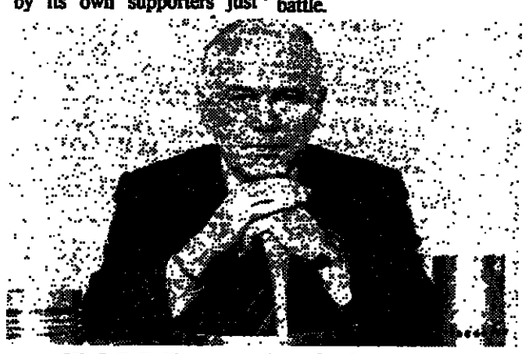
"A desperate last move," retorted AE.

But despite the fighting talk from the two knights, the stock market thought that Turner & Newall stood a good chance of success. But on September 12 when the offer closed it emerged that Turner & Newall had come within a whisker of victory — with 49 per cent.

After stripping out acceptances Turner & Newall was left owning 29 per cent of AE. Its failure appeared to support the view of Sir John Collyear that City institutions were at least prepared to stand by managements in defending companies.

But just as hostilities appeared to cease, so there was an immediate counterblast from Turner & Newall. They complained to the Takeover Panel that a crucial block of shares in AE had been bought by its own supporters just before the close of the bid. As soon as the bid lapsed these shares were sold at a considerable loss — because AE shares not unexpectedly fell after the Turner & Newall offer failed.

After an inquiry lasting a month the Takeover Panel cried foul. It allowed Turner & Newall to launch a new bid and censured AE's merchant bank advisers, Hill Samuel, and the blue-blooded stockbroking firm, Cazenove, for their tactics during the battle.



T&N 'beset by inherent and serious problems'

AE's Sir John Collyear on the hostile bid

Hill Samuel criticized for failing to disclose arrangements with its own investment management department and two clearing banks to indemnify them against losses arising if they did not accept the bid.

And it hit at Cazenove for failing to disclose purchases by Midland Bank, AE's principal banker, under the arrangement. It was the hardest hitting criticism of a group of City institutions in living memory coming just as Big Bang erupted.

Less than a week later Robert Maxwell — through Hollis, a subsidiary of Pergamon, his master company — emerged as the white knight and announced a £266 million agreed bid for the company.

As one analyst put it: "AE complained about lack of industrial logic getting into bed with Turner & Newall. Quite why they are prepared to get together with Mr Maxwell is beyond me."

Mr Maxwell claimed that he wanted to build a group based on science and high technology. He said that Hollis had been looking to acquire specialist engineering companies but it lacked the necessary quality of management to run such an enterprise.

Turner & Newall then bounced back, with a cash and shares offer, claiming support from unnamed parties who could deliver a further 14 per cent to add to the near 30 per cent it held already.

Mr Maxwell later raised the value of his cash offer to 280p and with share buying has now bumped this up to the 29 per cent level.

As the struggle intensified in the City there was another astonishing twist to the affair. Mr Geoffrey Collier was forced to resign from Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, as allegations of insider dealing in AE shares swept the City. He has been charged with offences connected with trading in AE shares.

The stage is now set for a grandstand finale. If Turner & Newall fails to get past the 50 per cent level when acceptances are announced tomorrow Mr Maxwell and his Hollis Group, whose offer still has sometime to run, will have victory in its grasp.

Cliff Feltham

ECONOMIC VIEW

Public spending ensnared in the pay bill warren

Although the teachers pay dispute is still not over one thing is clear: settlement is not going to be cheap. As the other unions in the public sector draw up their demands they will be well aware that the teachers have been offered 16.4 per cent. Many of them may be tempted to base their claims on the simple premise of "me too".

A surge in public sector pay would put new pressure on public spending next year. *In extremis*, this could force the Government to increase the provision for spending on certain programmes. More likely, either the danger of an overrun on the recently increased figures for next year will be raised, or more of the available funds will be pre-empted by pay, leaving less for politically appealing improvements in services.

Spending in the hospital service, for instance, is planned to rise next year by about 6 per cent in cash terms. That has to cover real improvements in services, the increase in demand from a growing number of elderly people in the population and higher equipment prices as well as increases in wages and salaries.

Improvements in efficiency will yield some extra cash. But any increase in the pay bill above 4 per cent is not likely to leave much to meet the increase in demand. Of course better paid, and therefore presumably better motivated, nurses and doctors represent a real improvement in the health service.

But that is not what most people mean by spending more on health.

Fixing pay levels in the public sector has long been a problem without a solution. Governments have tended to dither like rabbits caught in the twin headlights of public spending scrutiny and concern for the effects of lengthy strikes in public services.

The effect of this combination of economic and political pressures over the years has been to establish a warren of different methods of resolving public-sector pay problems. In the public services, that is excluding the nationalized industries and other trading bodies, there are at least four distinct models.

● **Collective bargaining:** This is the basic model covering the civil service, NHS ancillaries and technicians, and many local authority employees.

The large increases handed out by the Clegg Committee in 1980 confirmed the Government's determination to move away from the formal system of pay research and comparability with the private sector for the civil service back to a simple system of collective bargaining, which is the closest approach to allowing market forces to set pay levels.

Apart from the dispute in the NHS in 1982, which led to the setting up of the nurses pay review body, there have been no big strikes among these groups. But in spite of the relative industrial peace the Government has felt obliged to go on examining the possibility of constraining bargaining with the civil service unions within certain limits based on trends in pay in the economy as a whole.

Increases in pay between 1980 and 1986

Constable (max).....+86%
Nursing sister.....+58%
Teacher (grade 1)..+69%
Civil servant.....+40%

Although the formula under discussion has proved unattractive to the unions, the compulsion to set bargaining within a fixed framework remains.

● **Teachers:** Pay arrangements for teachers have been based on collective bargaining within the Burnham Committee. But, until last year, the Government had a veto on the total sum of money involved through the "concordat" with the local authority employers.

Under the new arrangements proposed in last week's bill, the Education Secretary will decide pay rates and pay scales advised by a committee and following consultation with unions and employers.

The advisory committee differs from a review body in being subject to direction from the Education Secretary as to the total cost of any award. It is also explicitly temporary.

● **Review bodies.** The review bodies are non-statutory, independent bodies which advise the ministers concerned on appropriate settlements after taking evidence from Government and unions.

Ministers are not obliged to accept their recommendations but in practice it is difficult to ignore their advice. Interference with the recommended settlements is usually limited to phasing in the awards.

The exception is top salaries where the politics usually operate in the reverse direction favouring cuts in the award. There are four review bodies covering about one million people: nurses, doctors and dentists, the armed forces and top salaries, judges, generals and senior civil servants.

The purpose of these bodies is to distance the Government from the business of setting pay rates for groups of workers with a high degree of public sympathy, and to give people who either cannot or do not strike some confidence that their pay will not lag behind.

The reviews try to take account of market factors like affordability, and recruitment and retention pressures.

● **Indexation:** Still more removed from the pressures of the labour market are two groups of public servants who enjoy automatic indexation of their pay, the police and the firemen. Police pay is kept in line with the underlying change in average earnings in the economy as a result of the Edmund Davies report in 1978.

In theory the Home Secretary can overrule the formula but in practice there is an informal concordat between the Government, the local authority employers and the Police Federation to apply the formula. The arrangement comes up for review next September. The firemen owe their privileged position to the strike of 1977, which was resolved by promising them a fixed position in the male, manual earnings league.

The strong element of comparability in setting pay scales, which continues in much of the public sector, will make it more difficult to resist the knock-on effects of whatever deal is finally agreed with the teachers.

The review bodies are beginning their work now for completion in April and will be under pressure to take the settlement into account when they make their recommendations.

For economic efficiency the best buy in pay bargaining systems must be the one which gives market forces the most free play. Although collective bargaining does not prevent leap-frogging and may be uncomfortable it is nevertheless the process most likely to balance demand for high quality public servants with available supply at the proper price.

Recent history suggests that the more the Government interferes with collective bargaining for political reasons the more it ends up paying over the odds.

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Record profits in an eventful year

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- New calorie-free sweetener "sucralose" goes to government authorities for approval.
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- New packing machinery for UK refineries. Associated costs of rationalisation taken as an extraordinary loss.
- Prospects are both challenging and exciting.

THE YEAR IN BRIEF

	1986	1985
Turnover	£1,645m	£1,627m
Profit before tax	£81.5m	£76.7m
Profit after tax attributable to shareholders*	£39.7m	£38.1m
Earnings per share	57.3p	55.3p
Dividends per share	23.0p	22.0p
Dividend cover	2.5 times	2.5 times

*Before extraordinary loss £12.9m (1985: £11.6m)

Preliminary announcement of results for the period ended 27th September 1986.

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PRELIMINARY RESULTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 30th AUGUST 1986.

	1986	1985	Increase
Turnover	£273.7m	£205.5m	33%
Profit before taxation	£70.4m	£61.1m	15%
Profit after taxation	£61.3m	£50.5m	21%
Earnings per share – basic	56.3p	52.6p	7%
Total net dividend per share	6.75p	5.25p	29%

EXTRACTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The year was another year of significant achievement, with continued expansion and consolidation of the Agriculture, Food and Related Industries Division, which contributed £65 million to profit on ordinary activities before taxation on turnover of £191.5 million. Further expansion of packing and packaging facilities in Turkey and Northern Cyprus enabled an increased volume and range of products to be handled whilst high quality standards were maintained. Margins remained strong in all markets but showed a small overall reduction due to sales mix and the continued drive for penetration into European markets.

The Consumer Electronics Division had a very successful year with pre-tax profit rising to £4.1 million and sales almost doubling to £47.6 million. CTVs remained Vestel's major product in terms of volume, while Vestel's strong market position was firmly consolidated in audio equipment and video recorders/players. New product ranges introduced included home computer, hi-fi and compact disc playing equipment and further extensions are planned.

The Textile Division recorded turnover of £34.6 million and profit on ordinary activities before taxation of £1.3 million. Despite market weaknesses in certain areas, considerable strides were made both during the year and subsequently with the expansion of the Division's presence in USA and Hong Kong by internal growth and acquisition. The Division now holds a significant position in the US and European markets and plans to develop these further.

Plans for the construction of a 5-star tourist hotel at Antalya in Southern Turkey have been finalised and the Group is to participate in a venture for the distribution of L'Oreal toiletries and cosmetics in Turkey.

Business during the current year has opened well. The Board looks forward to developing the international scope and balance of the Group's activities. Following the completion of the Adana project in Turkey, Group resources will increasingly be channelled into selective expansion in the UK, Europe and the Far East. As an indication of its confidence in the future, the Board has decided to recommend a scrip issue of 1 new ordinary share for every 5 held.

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STOCK MARKET

Worried investors gripped by insider trading fears

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

The growing insider trading fears continued to hang like a *cloud over the City* yesterday with both dealers and fund managers becoming increasingly nervous.

Wild speculation continued and the fears which started with the dismissal of Mr Geoffrey Collier from Morgan Grenfell and have now been extended to Guinness following its £2.1 billion bid for Distillers earlier this year are becoming more intense. Yesterday's news that the fraud squad had been called into Municipal Brokers, a subsidiary of Exco International, the money broker, to investigate certain "dealing irregularities" by former employees only served to unsettle the market still further.

As a result, the equity market decided to discount the 43-point rise overnight on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average hit a new high and the Government's best showing in the opinion polls for almost two years. Turnover was again down to a *trickle* with some brokers criticizing the institutions for lack of courage and *their decision to remain* entrenched on the sidelines.

"This market could be 40 points higher if only the institutions would show some initiative," complained one leading broker. Another added: "The trouble is at the moment everyone wants to be seen whiter than white."

But until the worries about insider dealing subside, the chances of the traditional pre-Christmas rally are growing remoter.

The FT 30 share index *recovered some of its poise* towards the close finishing 9.3 down at 1,269.1, while the FT-SE 100 *share index* lost 10.4 at 1,615.1 after opening 1.7 up.

There was a little more cheer for investors on *the gilt*-edged market where prices closed with gains ranging to *£½ at the longer end helped by* a confident performance by the pound on the foreign exchange.

Most leaders gave up early gains with **Hawker Siddeley** *ending the day 6p lower* at 435p, **British Telecom** down 2p to 194p, **Beecham** and Glaxo down the same amount to 416p and 920p and **Lucas** 3p easier at 468p.

On the unofficial "grey" market partly-paid **British** Gas shares were being bought at 56p, just a 6p premium to the issue price.

Racal firmed 5p to 183p ahead of a joint Racal and Boeing meeting being held this afternoon at which they are expected to announce a multi-million pound order to supply Saudi Arabia with AWACS, their airborne early warning system. The order will secure jobs for Racal's employees in Britain and Racal and Boeing *hope that it will* put pressure on the Government to accept AWACS in preference to the Nimrod *system* proposed by GEC and British Aerospace.

GEC slipped 2p to 166p as several brokers lowered their profit forecasts for the full year, following its disappointing interim figures on Tuesday. Wood Mackenzie has reduced its forecast for the year to March 1987 from £725 million to £690 million, against £701 million last time.

BTR, currently behind a hostile £1.2 billion takeover bid for **Pilkington Brothers**, the glass manufacturer, slipped 3p to 272p, despite reports of heavy support buying by Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Smith Newcourt. A total of 3.5 million shares went through the market. At *one stage during the afternoon BZW* was offering to buy stock at a 2p premium to other market-makers.

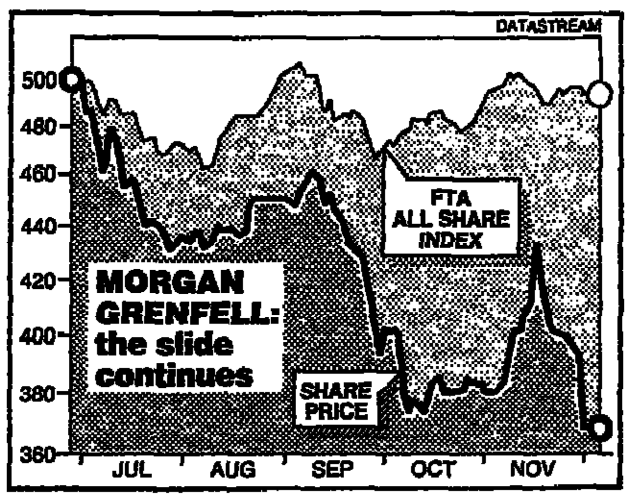
> **● *Keep an eye on Century* Oils Group, the lubricants manufacturer. Yesterday it *stood apart from an otherwise* bombed-out looking oil sector, hardening a penny to 128p. The stock has been firm, despite disappointing interim results a week ago. Some say Burmah is building a stake and will soon bid.**

Pilkington eased 4p to 613p.

The DTI investigation into share dealings at **Guinness** continued to play havoc with the share price of its financial adviser, ***Morgan Grenfell***, which was again marked sharply lower first thing.

It was Morgan Grenfell that helped steer Guinness to victory in its fiercely contested battles for control of the whisky groups Arthur Bell and Distillers. Dealers fear that the merchant bank may now become implicated in the affair and that could have an adverse impact on the group's business.

Over the past couple of years Morgan Grenfell has built up a reputation second to none in the City for executing *aggressive takeovers while*, at the same time, defending its clients from unwanted bids.



But the City's love affair with Morgan Grenfell turned *sour in July following its stock* market debut. The striking price of 500p was described by many in the City as expensive and coincided with a sudden downturn in the level of "mega bid" activity. Many of the big fund managers, who were encouraged to take up the shares, are now sitting on heavy losses and this week's news from Guinness cut short what was proving to be the *first sustained rally in the* shares since its flotation.

Morgan Grenfell was moved yesterday to deny rumours of boardroom resignations. "There is no question of it," *said a spokesman who* went on to confirm that the group had received a visit from the DTI investigators.

The denial enabled the shares to close above their worst levels of the day, but they still finished 12p down at a new low of 356p, after 347p. *Last week the price was trad*ing at about the 420p level.

Guinness also continued to lose ground and, at one stage, hit a new low of 275p before reducing the loss to 7p at 279p by the close. The price has now fallen 52p, so far, this week.

Meanwhile, fears that an investigation may soon be launched into share dealings at **Standard Chartered**, the international banking group, following its successful defence against an unwanted £1.2 billion bid from rival Lloyds Bank produced a few nervous sellers with the price tumbling through the 800p level. It closed 41p lower at 778p, wiping more than £60 million from Standard's stock market value. A spokesman *for Standard* said: "There is no truth in it (possible investigation). *It is just market speculation."*

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has confirmed it has no objections to P&O's purchase of a 20.8 per *cent stake in rival European* Ferries as forecast in this column on Tuesday.

> **● Leucadia National Corporation, a US financial services group, has a near *5 per cent stake in Argyle* Trust run by Mr Nick Oppenheim. Speculators predict a full bid for Argyle, capitalized at £16 million, soon. No comment on rumours, says Mr Oppenheim. Argyle firmed 1p to 82p.**

Shares of both companies were suspended first thing following the announcement. P&O deferred were halted at 523p and the warrants at 150p. Trading in European Ferries was frozen at 122p. Marketmen are bracing themselves for terms of an agreed bid later today.

P&O paid £36 million for its original stake in Euro Ferries in December last year.

At these levels, Euro Ferries is valued at about £275 million.

Shandwick, the public relations and marketing group which was floated on the Unlisted Securities Market at 175p in October last year and graduated to a full listing last month, *is* looking cheap at 340p, according to advertising analyst, Miss Lorna Tilbian, at *Sheppards & Chase*, the broker. She is recommending the stock as a "strong buy".

Following the announcement of four acquisitions on Friday — two in Britain and *two in the US — Miss Tilbian* has raised her profit forecast for the current year to July 1987, from £2.2 million to £3.1 million. For next year she has lifted it from £3 million to £4.5 million.

She says: "It is on a p/e of 12.5 at the moment and 9.5 to July 1988, which makes it very cheap. The share price may have almost doubled since its flotation but it's not all on hot air. They made five acquisitions last year as well."

Elsewhere among agencies *Reuters B shares climbed* 15p to 583p on American support. **Carlton Communications** firmed 5p to 975p, while **Saatchi & Saatchi** dropped 13p to 672p on profit-taking ahead of its final figures out later today. The company has forecast profits of £67.9 million but analysts are looking for £70 million.

Unconfirmed reports that the Iraqi's may offer to be the swing producer at next weeks Opec meeting, gave an early boost to **BP** and **Shell**, but *both failed to sustain it.* Shell jumped 11p to 953p and then drifted back to a 3p gain at 949p. BP turned a 4p rise into a penny loss, leaving its shares at 677p. IC Gas dipped 8p to 543p.

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Floating note market sinks alarmingly

Earth tremors of serious magnitude were recorded *yesterday in an* exotic but very important market. Prices of euro-dollar floating rate notes which had been weak for the four preceding trading days succumbed to panic selling in the morning and the market ceased to function.

A meeting was hastily convened at the offices of Shearson Lehman, attended by some 40 market-makers. Only after they agreed, with misgivings, *to quote much wider* dealing spreads and to deal in smaller quantities, were dealings resumed. Prices however *continued to fall, especialy of the* perpetual floating rates notes (like War Loan their effective redemption date is eternity). We have here the makings of a financial storm in which certain banks holding FRNs — they are classed as money market instruments — might get very wet.

For the time being the Bank of England is standing calmly, but no doubt vigilantly, on the touch-line. The Bank refused to intervene on the grounds that it was up to the market to sort out its own problems. It also decided that it was too early to say whether this "market phenomenon" would have any implications for British clearing banks' use of perpetual FRNs as a source of primary capital.

The Bank altered its guidelines in 1984 to permit banks to enlarge their capital base by issuing this kind of paper. Two that have had recourse to perpetual FRNs are Royal Bank of Scotland and National Westminster

It is not yet wholly clear why this market has got the jitters though it must be related to anxiety among dealers about where prices are heading, particularly if the Japanese, normally major buyers of FRNs after the turn of the year, are not in the mood to buy.

P & O ferries ahead

The Monopolies Commisssion has given an open invitation to P & O to *bid for European Ferries.* Sir Jeffrey Sterling and his new opposite number Geoffrey Parker have lost no time in taking it up. Sir Jeffrey is unlikely to be satisfied with less than an agreed bid. We shall see this morning.

A party would certainly make sense for rudderless European Ferries. Its *cross-channel ferry* business, though able to stand up for itself in the customer market, could look sick in the stock market as Eurotunnel looms. It could do with the protection of a wider grouping to fund competition, lead rationalization or, if necessary, provide opportunities for redeployment of short-term profits. And there is no doubt that Sir Jeffrey would stand a better chance of coping with the problems of those Houston and Denver properties that have looked less glamorous with each passing day.

P & O would gain Felixstowe, a valuable asset nobly fostered by Mr Parker but no longer free from cares and competition, plus a collection of earnings and assets likely to be valued higher by the stock market under P & O's wing. The potential for integration of transport should not be underestimated. P & O's Ferrymasters takes 55 per cent of the space in its own — presently Ipswich-based — North Sea freight ferry. It is also a big Townsend Thoresen customer and OCL uses Felixstowe as a *trans-shipment port for the Continent.* Across the Channel, in particular, P&O could create powerful support for the ferry business or exercise hefty leverage over Eurotunnel.

The logic is overwhelming. The price P & O is prepared to pay is probably less so.

No relief for MIR

In his autumn statement, the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, announced an increase of 3.3 per cent in public spending plans for next year. He was rudely and rightly barracked. But how many larger increases in tax expenditures have gone completely unnoticed?

Tax expenditures are the cost of tax reliefs to the Government's revenue. One of the largest of them is mortgage *interest relief whose cost in terms of lost* revenue has increased from £2,456 million in 1982-83 to £4,750 million in 1985-86. In *its latest report, the Public* Accounts Committee shrewdly comments that although this relief, like others of its kind, *has to be an open*-ended commitment determined by demand, it should nevertheless be subject to the same kind of monitoring and control as other demand-determined spending like social security.

The PAC has a point. If the Government and our legislators took as much interest in the cost of tax expenditures as they do about spending on the other side of the accounts, then the pressure for tax reform would be greater. The trend in tax reform worldwide is to remove special reliefs and use the revenue to bring down rates. If the Government did away with mortgage interest relief then it could bring the basic rate of income tax down to the target level of 25 per cent almost in one go.

Of course, it will do no such thing ahead of an election. Indeed before the last election the ceiling on mortgage interest relief was raised. But if tax reform is to make further real progress in the next Parliament, then it will have to be in the context of a balanced package. The future of mortgage interest relief will have to be examined very closely in the context of that package.

WALL STREET

Early setback for Dow

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares dipped in early active trading yesterday after the previous day's surge.

There was a great deal of selling pressure, which one trader called a "momentary destraction from yesterday's enthusiasm."

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.22 points at 1,951.35. Declining issues led shares by a small margin, on a volume of 47 million shares.

Exxon was down ⅝ to 69⅞. General Electric was up 1⅞ to 86¾ and American Express was up *1 to 60¼*.

Viacom, at 41¼, was up ¼, United Technology was down ¼ at 45½. May Department Stores was unchanged at 40.

Pacific Gas and Electric was up ⅛ to 26 and MCA was down ⅛ to 42⅛. *Alcoa* was down ¼ to to 35¼.

Hewlett Packard was down ⅛ to *45¾ and H J Heinz* was unchanged at 43½.

The transportation average was up *3.23 at 862.07, utilities,* at 213.09, were up 1.38. Stocks were down 0.83 at 767.06.

	Dec 2	Dec 1
AMR	53⅝	57⅝
ASA	37	37¾
Allied Signal	41	41⅝
Allied Strs	66¼	65¼
Allis Chlmrs	2½	2⅝
Alcoa	35½	34½
Amax Inc	13⅛	13
Am'rda Hs	23½	22½
Am Brands	47½	44⅝
Am Can	88⅝	85¾
Am Cynm'd	81⅝	80⅝
Am El Pwr	29⅜	29
Am Express	59⅝	57⅝
Am Home	81¾	80¾
Am Motors	3	3
Am St'nrd	44⅛	43¼
Am Teleph	27⅝	27⅛
Amoco	69¾	67⅞
Armco Steel	5⅝	5⅝
Asarco	15⅝	15⅛
Ashland Oil	57½	57¾
At Richfield	60⅝	59⅝
Avon Prods	30	29¾
Bkrs Tst NY	45⅝	44⅝
Bankamer	14⅜	15⅞
Bk of Bston	40¾	42
Bank of NY	40¾	38⅝
Beth Steel	4⅞	5⅞
Boeing	50⅞	50¼
Bse Cascde	63½	62
Brden	50⅞	49⅝
Bg Warner	39	38⅞
Brist Myers	81¼	77⅞
BP	39⅜	39½
Burl'ton Ind	40½	39⅞
Burl'ton Ntn	63	62⅝
Burroughs	n/a	n/a
Cmpbell Sp	60⅞	60⅝
Can Pacific	12¾	12½
Caterpiller	39⅝	39¼
Celanese	241⅞	241
Central SW	35⅝	35½
Champion	33¾	32¾
Chese Man	38⅝	36⅝
Chm Bk NY	47	45½
Chevron	48	47⅞
Chrysler	41	40⅞
Citicorp	55	52⅞
Clark Equip	19¾	20½
Coca Cola	37⅝	35⅝
Colgate	45¼	43¼
CBS	136¼	135½
C'mbia Gas	44¼	44⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	33⅝	33⅞
Comwlth Ed	33⅞	33¾
Cons Edis	49¾	49
Cn Nat Gas	33⅞	33¼
Cons Power	16⅝	16
Cntrl Date	26	26
Corning Gl	57	55¾
CPC Intl	80⅝	78¾
Crane	38½	36⅝
Curtiss Wrt	53	52¾
Dart & Kraft	51½	n/a
Deere	23⅞	22¾
Delta Air	49¾	48½
Detroit Ed	16⅝	18
Digital Eq	107⅞	105
Disney	45⅝	43⅞
Dow Chem	59⅝	59
Dresser Ind	19⅝	19⅝
Duke Power	49	48½
Du Pont	90½	89½
Eastern Air	n/a	n/a
Estm Kodak	68	67½
Eaton Corp	79	79
Emerson El	90⅝	89¼
Exxon Corp	70⅞	69
Fed Dpt Sts	90⅜	88⅝

	Dec 2	Dec 1
Firestone	28¼	27⅞
Fst Chicago	32½	32¼
Fst Int Bncp	54½	54
Fst Penn C	9	9⅛
Ford	60¾	60
FT Wachva	37½	36⅝
GAF Corp	41	40
GTE Corp	62	61⅝
Gen Corp	83⅝	81⅝
Gen Dy'mcs	75⅝	74¾
Gen Electnc	85½	83⅝
Gen Inst	18⅜	18⅜
Gen Mills	44½	43¾
Gen Motors	70⅝	71½
Gn Pb Ut ny	23⅝	23⅝
Genesco	3⅜	3⅞
Georgia Pac	40¾	39⅝
Gillete	49⅜	48⅜
Goodrich	45⅝	44⅞
Goodyear	43¾	43⅜
Gould Inc	18⅜	18⅜
Grace	54⅝	55
Gt Att & Tac	24½	24
Gr'hnd	33¾	33¼
Gruman Cor	28½	28
Gulf & West	68⅝	67½
Heinz H.J.	43½	41
Hercules	59⅝	57⅞
H'lett-Pkrd	45⅞	44⅞
Honeywell	70⅜	71½
IC Inds	25½	25⅜
Ingersoll	59¾	57½
Inland Steel	19½	19⅜
IBM	129⅝	127⅝
INCO	12⅝	12⅝
Int Paper	78⅜	77½
Int Tel Tel	55¾	54⅝
Irving Bank	50	49⅞
Jhnsn & Jhn	70	67⅞
Kaiser Alum	13⅝	14⅜
Kerr McGee	29½	30
Kmb'ly Clrk	85¼	84⅝
K Mart	50¾	50½
Kroger	31¾	32⅝
L.T.V. Corp	1⅜	1⅜
Litton	82½	81⅝
Lockheed	56⅝	57½
Lucky Strs	31½	33⅜
Man H'nver	47½	46⅜
Manville Cp	2⅛	2¼
Mapco	57½	55⅝
Marine Mid	45¾	45
Mrt Marietta	44⅞	49⅜
Masco	28½	27⅞
McDonalds	64¼	63¾
McDonnell	79⅞	79⅝
Mead	58⅝	56⅜
Merck	115⅝	110⅞
Minsta Mng	115½	112⅝
Mobil Oil	38⅜	39⅝
Monsanto	80⅝	80
Morgan J.P.	88¼	85
Motorola	39½	39⅞
NCR Corp	49¾	47⅞
NL Indstrs	4⅞	5⅞
Nat Distlrs	46⅞	46¾
Nat Med Ent	25½	24⅝
Nat Smcndt	11¾	11⅞
Norfolk Sth	86¼	84⅞
NW Bancrp	39½	39
Occdnt Pet	28¾	28⅜
Ogden	46⅞	45¾
Olin Corp	44⅜	44⅞
Owens-Ill	46⅞	46⅜
Pac Gas El	26	25⅜
Pan Am	5⅜	5½
Penney J.C.	84	82
Pennzoil	72⅜	73¾
Pepsico	28⅝	27¾

	Dec 2	Dec 1
Pfizer	62⅝	60⅞
Phelps Dge	21¼	20⅜
Philip Mrs	75⅞	74
Phillips Pet	11¼	11
Polaroid	74⅝	70⅞
PPG Ind	75¾	73⅞
Prctr Gmbl	80⅝	78
Pb S E & G	42	41¾
Raytheon	69⅝	65½
Rynlds Met	43⅝	43
Rockwell Int	44⅛	43¾
Royal Dutch	94⅛	92½
Safeways	n/a	n/a
Sara Lee	70⅝	70⅝
SFE Sopac	33½	33¾
Schl'berger	33⅝	33
Scott Paper	65⅝	64⅝
Seagram	64⅛	63⅝
Sears Rbck	45⅛	44⅞
Shell Trans	55⅝	54½
Singer	40⅝	39⅞
Smhkln Bk	91⅞	90⅝
Sony	21¾	21⅞
Sth Cal Ed	36	35⅝
S'Wstn Bell	116¾	111⅞
Std Oil	50⅞	49⅝
Sterling Drg	46⅝	45¾
Stevens JP	37¾	36¾
Sun Comp	58⅝	58
Teledyne	323¾	319
Tenneco	38⅝	38⅝
Texaco	35¾	34⅝
Texas E Cor	30⅝	30⅜
Texas Inst	124⅛	124⅞
Texas Utils	32⅜	32¼
Textron	67⅝	69⅝
Travlrs Cor	45⅝	44¾
TRW Inc	93⅛	92¾
UAL Inc	60	58⅝
Unilever NV	233⅝	229
Un Carbide	23⅝	22¾
Un Pac Cor	68⅜	64
Utd Brands	34⅝	35
USG Corp	44⅝	44¾
Utd Technol	45⅜	44½
USX Corp	21⅛	20⅝
Unocal	26¾	25
Jim Walter	49⅝	48⅝
Wrner Lmbt	59⅝	58
Wells Fargo	106⅞	104⅝
W'sghse El	62	59¼
Weyerh'ser	39⅝	38¾
Whirlpool	72	70⅞
Woolworth	45⅞	44½
Xerox Corp	60⅛	59⅝
Zenith	20	20⅞

CANADIAN PRICES

	Dec 2	Dec 1
Agnico Eag	26⅝	27¼
Alcn Alum	41⅝	41¾
Algoma Stl	11⅞	12
Can Pacific	17⅞	16⅝
Cominco	13⅞	13⅝
Con Bathrst	26⅝	28
Hkr/Sld Can	26⅞	26⅞
Hdsn B Mln	24¾	24
Imasco	32¾	32⅜
Imperial Oil	47⅞	47
In Pipe	39⅝	39⅝
Ryl Trustco	29	29⅝
Seagram	88⅝	87⅞
Steel Co	19⅝	19⅞
Thmsn N 'A'	29¼	29⅝
Varity Corp	2.89	2.84
WCT	12⅝	12⅝
Westo	31	30⅝

⊕ Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. k Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Ryan buys Crouch for £27.9 million

By Richard Lander

Ryan International, the coal firm which was rescued after the end of the miners' strike last year, is taking over the Derek Crouch group to form what the two companies claim will be the largest private coal-mining and distribution group *in Britain.*

The two companies have agreed takeover terms which *value Crouch at £27.9 million.* The bid already has the backing of shareholders owning 48 per cent of Crouch, including the 44.3 per cent stake held by the founder, Mr Derek Crouch, and his family interests.

The new group, to be known as Coal Holdings, would produce about 2.75 million tonnes of coal a year, of which 1.3 million comes from under*ground, opencast and tip*-recovery sources in Britain.

The remainder comes from Ryan's tip recovery operations in Belgium and a mine owned by Crouch in Pennsylvania. Non-coal operations, such as Ryan's building supplies division and Australian property interests owned by Crouch, might be sold off.

Mr Christian Hotson of Ryan, who will become chief executive of Coal Holdings, said the merger would increase the companies' standing in the coal industry.

"You need size and strength to negotiate in an industry dominated by two monopolies like the CEGB and British Coal," he said.

The combined group would benefit whether a Labour government were elected and put more money into coal or if the industry were liberalized by a third Conservative administration, he added.

Ryan is offering 157 shares for every 20 Crouch, valuing Crouch at 220p after its own shares shed ½p to 28p. County Bank has also underwritten a cash offer at 215.9p. Crouch shares, which have risen sharply since it announced a bid approach on November 18, fell back 5p to 213p.

BankAmerica sells Italian operation

New York (Reuter) — *BankAmerica Corporation*, the bank holding company which has been struggling with substantial losses, announced yesterday it has agreed to sell its Italian operation to Deutsche Bank, West Germany's largest bank, for $603 million (£421 million).

The sale of Banca d'America e d'Italia (BAI) had been expected for some time as part *of BankAmerica's strategy of* selling assets.

BAI has 98 branches, about 3,000 employees, and is the eighth-largest bank in Italy with assets of $4.2 billion.

BankAmerica, based in San Francisco and now the target of a $3.4 billion takeover bid by First Interstate Bancorp, has been selling off assets in an effort to cut losses and improve its chances of remaining independent.

It said it expected a pretax gain of more than $250 million on the BAI deal.

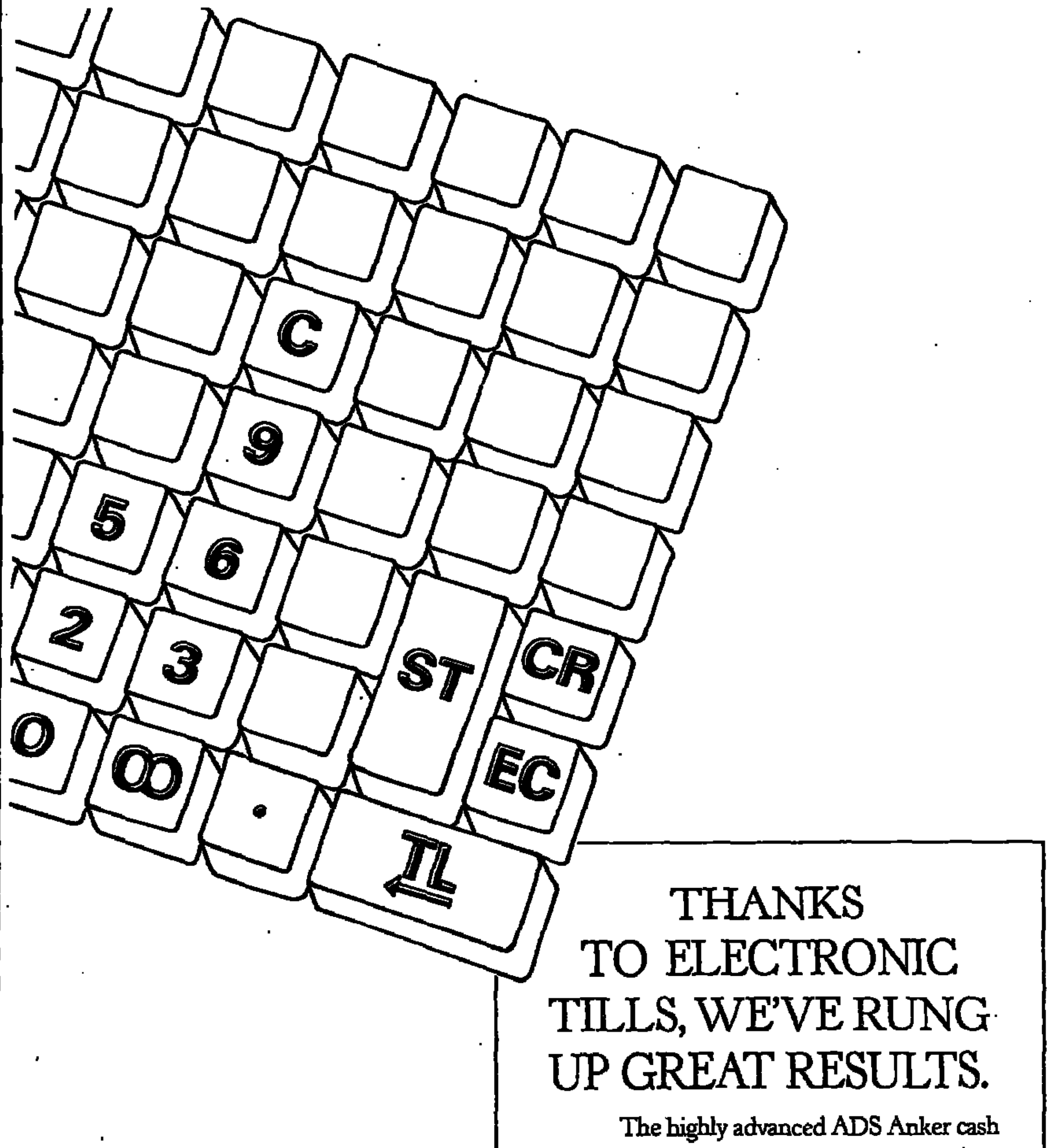
The bank's profitable Charles Schwab and Co discount brokerage operation is also on the block.

BankAmerica said earlier this month it planned to sell assets worth between $7 billion and $8 billion in the next two quarters.

Tighter steel quotas

Brussels (AP-Dow Jones) — The European Economic Community Commission yesterday said it was tightening production quotas for a range of steel products in the first quarter of 1987 amid signs that demand for steel will remain low.

The commission said companies were reducing stocks of products whose sales possibilities were "overvalued." And sales of steel products have been harmed by the slowdown in investment in the oil industry, it said.



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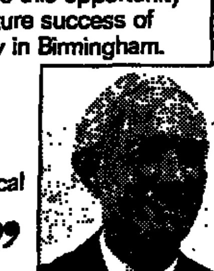

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Plessey wins £75m radar contract for Rapier 2000

Plessey has been selected to supply the new surveillance and target acquisition radar for the Rapier 2000 air defence missile system recently ordered by the UK Ministry of Defence.

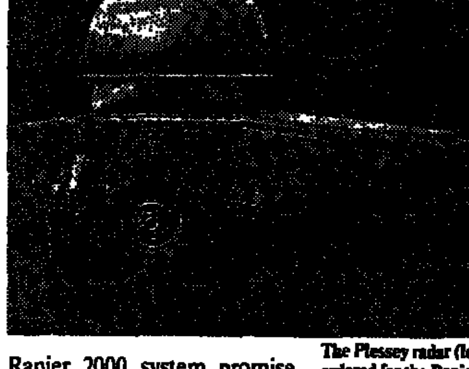
The initial contract is worth over £75 million to Plessey but long term prospects for the Rapier 2000 system promise significantly larger orders in the future.

The new radar, under development for more than five years, marks the Plessey entry into the growing market for low-level air defence systems.

It will provide three-dimensional surveillance, target acquisition and tracking.

It gives Rapier 2000 a precise and accurate means of acquiring targets, even in an electronic counter-measure environment, over a wide envelope of elevation, range, bearing and velocity.

Plessey-developed technologies have proved to be fundamental to the new radar's design.



The Plessey radar (left) ordered for the Rapier 2000 system.

MERCURY ORDERS PLESSEY FIBRE OPTICS

Two contracts for optical fibre transmission systems together worth approximately £1.5m have been awarded by Mercury Communications Limited to Plessey.

Both orders are for System 565 – the Plessey 565 Mbit/s system which can carry 7680 simultaneous telephone calls or the equivalent in data or video over a single pair of optical fibres.

The first contract is to supply, install, test and commission systems for Mercury's East Coast network. This route will link London and Edinburgh via Peterborough, York, Leeds and Newcastle.

The second contract is for 30 terminals and five intermediate station equipments for Mercury network expansion.

ISDX wins more honours in Australia

Two of Australia's top universities have chosen Plessey ISDX private digital exchanges.

Monash University of Melbourne and Macquarie University of Sydney will receive their new systems – together worth around £500,000 – by the end of 1986.

Plessey ISDX data capability so impressed Monash they recommended it to Macquarie.

Only some weeks ago, another ISDX network customer, the National Road Motorists' Association of Sydney, won Australia's top information technology award for office automation.

Their network, comprising 18 interlinked ISDXs covering thousands of square miles in New South Wales with a control centre in Sydney, has enabled an increased call acceptance rate of over 50 per cent.

Semics move ahead

At Electronica '86 recently, Plessey Semiconductors announced the introduction of more than fifty new products during the next six months.

These include bipolar gate arrays, converters and FM receiver systems, and also CMOS devices.

One bipolar device on display – a 3.5GHz prescaler – outperforms gallium arsenide equivalents for a quarter of their price.

Plessey believes that this is the first silicon device of its kind which can operate at such a high frequency. It represents a two-year lead in commercial and military markets.

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APPOINTMENTS

Shandwick Consultants: Mr **Richard Sermon** has become chairman, with Mr **Colin Trusler** as deputy managing director, and Mr **Robin Callender Smith**, Mr **Simon Clark** and Mr **Keith Lockwood** as directors. Mr **Tim Pendry** will join the board on January 3.

Gateway Building Society: Mr **John Crowe** has been elected chairman, succeeding Lord Luke from January 1.

Sharp Electronics (UK): Mr **T Inoue** has become chairman, succeeding Mr T Mitsuda who becomes chairman of Sharp Electronics Corporation, USA.

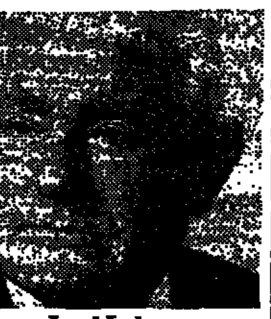
John Crowe

Mobil Oil Company: Mr **D J Riordan** has been named finance director, succeeding Mr R L Howard.

James Capel Bankers: Mr **R A Nigel Henley** has been made managing director, succeeding Mr Rick Smith.

Honeywell Control Systems: Mr **K H Urquhart** becomes director, manufacturing automation.

Midland Bank Equity Group: Mr **Hugh de Quervain** has been appointed managing director, succeeding Mr John Beevor. Mr **Roger Heath**, Mr **David Hutchings** and Mr **Ian Taylor** become deputy managing directors. Mr **John Brandon**, Mr **David Casstles**, Mr **Dennis Freedman** and Mr **Alan Marsh** are made executive directors.



Lord Luke

Murray Johnstone: Mr **J Graham Barclay** and Mr **A Charles Clapperton** have joined the board.

Jetset Tours: Mr **Allan Deller** has been made managing director from January 1.

Binder Hamlyn: Mr **Robert Matusiewicz** has ben admitted as a partner.

London Metal Exchange: Mr **John Wolff** has been elected chairman with Mr **Clement Danin** as vice-chairman.

Allen Computers: Mr **Ray Pipe** has been made managing director, succeeding Mr David Allen.

COMPANY NEWS

● **FITZWILTON:** Figures for the year to June 30 in Irf. Dividend was 1p, making 2p. Turnover was 2,795,273 (6,551,580), pretax profit was 87,115 (1,064,795) and tax was 135,551 (217,984). Earnings per share were 3.93p. Dividend payable January 9.

● **ROLFE & NOLAN COMPUTER SERVICES:** Interim dividend was 1p (nil) for six months to August 31. Figures in £000s. Turnover was 1,102 (1,357), trading profit before depreciation was 281 (244), pretax profit was 141 (25 loss) and tax was 49 (nil). Earnings per share were 3.6p (1.0p loss). The improvement in profit is expected to continue during the second half of the year.

● **AAH HOLDINGS:** Figures in £000 for the half year to September 30. Turnover was 488,613 (460,768), trading profit was 10,190 (8,846), pretax profit was 8,780 (6,809) and tax was 3,073 (2,724). Earnings per share were 9.70p (7.54p).

● **BIRMINGHAM MINT GROUP:** Progress was made in all parts of the group. The electrical components business improved its margins, and the recent wire products acquisition was successfully integrated and brought to a satisfactory level of profitability.

The group has reached agreement with Johnson Matthey Metals to purchase its electrical contacts business at Wembley, London, for a cash consideration of £3.01 million.

● **ALLIED COLLOIDS GROUP:** Interim dividend was 1p (0.7p) for the half year to September 27. Figures in £000. Profit before tax was 12,749 (8,234). Tax was 5,006 (2,869). Earnings were 7,743 (5,365) and

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earnings per share were 6.15p (4.27p). Demand for the group's products continues to grow and the company expects further improvement in the second half.

● **THE IMTEC GROUP:** Results for year to March 31 in £000. Net turnover was 9,307 (10,456), trading loss was 257 (profit 304), loss before tax was 972 (581). Loss per share was 8.4p (3.6p).

● **ALTIFUND:** Final interim dividend for the period between April 1 and December 4 is 5.32p per income share of 25p on 4,800,000 in issue, and 0.266p per capital share of 25p on 3,200,000 in issue.

● **ROWLINSON SECURITIES:** Figures in £s for the six months to September 30. Interim dividend was 0.2p (0.18125p), turnover was 4,002,600 (4,414,300), tax was 150,850 (134,800) and profit after tax was 280,150 (202,200). Earnings per share were 2.24p (1.61p). The full year's profits are expected to be £1 million.

● **ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION SERVICES:** Figures in £000 for the year to April 30. No final dividend (1p). Turnover was 3,205 (3,481), loss before tax was 1,469 (146 profit), tax was 1 (9). Loss after tax was 1,470 (137 profit). Loss per share, net basis, was 20.57p (2.02p earning). Increased turnover and cost savings are expected to improve the position during second half of the year.

● **GRAINGER TRUST:** Final dividend was 6.2p, making 8.0p for the year to September 30. Figures in £000. Turnover was 7,134 (5,839), property expenses were 1,649 (1,368). Interest payable was 2,484 (2,208). Profit before tax was 2,518 (1,926), tax was 907 (765) and earnings per share were 32.4p on a weighted average (26.6p).

● **MOUNTVIEW ESTATES:** Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Interim was 1p (same), turnover was 4,983 (4,131) and profit before tax was 3,241 (2,835). Tax was 1,296.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 9
Week fixed: 10½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10 25/32	2 mnth	10 23/32
3 mnth	10¾	3 mnth	10 11/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	10 13/16-10 25/32	2 mnth	10 25/32-10¾
3 mnth	10 25/32-10 23/32	6 mnth	10¾-10 25/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	11 7/16	2 mnth	11 13/32
3 mnth	11 13/32	6 mnth	11½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10⅞ close 8

1 week	11-10⅞	6 mnth	11½-11⅜
1 mnth	11 3/16-11 1/16	9 mnth	11½-11⅜
3 mnth	11 7/16-11 13/32	12 mnth	11½-11⅜

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	10½	7 days	10½
1 mnth	10¾	3 mnth	10⅞
6 mnth	10⅞	12 mnth	10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth	11⅜-11¼	2 mnth	11⅜-11¼
3 mnth	11⅜-11¼	6 mnth	11⅝-11½
9 mnth	11⅝-11½	12 mnth	11⅝-11½

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth	11⅛-11	3 mnth	11⅜-11¼
6 mnth	11 5/16-11¼	12 mnth	11 5/16-11 3/16

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth	6.35-6.30	3 mnth	6.00-5.95
6 mnth	5.90-5.85	12 mnth	6.00-5.95

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅛-5⅞
7 days	6⅛-6 1/16	1 mnth	6⅜-6¼
3 mnth	6 3/16-6 1/16	6 mnth	6⅛-6
Deutschmark		call	5-4
7 days	4 13/16-4 11/16	1 mnth	5-4⅞
3 mnth	4⅞-4¾	6 mnth	4⅞-4¾
French Franc		call	7½-6½
7 days	7¾-7½	1 mnth	8 5/16-8 1/16
3 mnth	8⅜-8⅛	6 mnth	8 11/16-8 9/16
Swiss Franc		call	2¾-1¾
7 days	2 1/16-1 15/16	1 mnth	4 7/16-4 5/16
3 mnth	4⅜-4¼	6 mnth	4½-4 1/16
Yen		call	4½-3½
7 days	4⅝-4½	1 mnth	4⅝-4½
3 mnth	4½-4⅜	6 mnth	4½-4⅜

GOLD

Gold:$392.25-392.75
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$ 390.00-393.00 (£272.25-274.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$ 92.00-93.00 (£64.25-65.00)
Platinum
$ 476.00 (£332.65)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 1, 1986 to November 28, 1986 inclusive: 11.248 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 67.9 (day's range 67.9-68.1).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.6848-1.6918
Australia dollar	2.1944-2.1977
Bahrain dinar	0.5375-0.5415
Brazil cruzado*	20.2872-20.4031
Cyprus pound	0.7260-0.7360
Finland marka	6.9600-7.0000
Greece drachma	197.15-199.15
Hong Kong dollar	11.1510-11.1670
India rupee	18.60-18.80
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4185-0.4225
Malaysia dollar	3.7132-3.7186
Mexico peso	1245.0-1285.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8062-2.8193
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3475-5.3875
Singapore dollar	3.1328-3.1366
South Africa rand	3.1598-3.1757
U A E dirham	5.2380-5.2780
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3730-1.3760
Singapore	2.1890-2.1900
Malaysia	2.5945-2.5965
Australia	0.6517-0.6522
Canada	1.3832-1.3837
Sweden	6.8750-6.8800
Norway	7.4775-7.4825
Denmark	7.4660-7.4710
West Germany	1.9755-1.9765
Switzerland	1.6455-1.6465
Netherlands	2.2345-2.2355
France	6.4700-6.4750
Japan	162.20-162.30
Italy	1370.5-1371.5
Belgium(Comm)	41.05-41.10
Hong Kong	7.7920-7.7970
Portugal	147.60-147.90
Spain	133.70-133.80
Austria	13.89-13.91

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STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 3	Market rates close December 3	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4305-1.4330	1.4305-1.4315	0.58-0.55prem	1.82-1.77prem
Montreal	1.9797-1.9826	1.9798-1.9826	0.46-0.37prem	1.50-1.35prem
Ams'dam	3.1922-3.2066	3.1922-3.1965	1⅜-1¼prem	4⅝-4½prem
Brussels	58.68-59.03	58.68-58.79	20-16prem	56-49prem
C'phgen	10.658-10.7126	10.6587-10.6733	1⅜-⅜prem	3¼-2¾prem
Dublin	1.0379-1.0449	1.0390-1.0400	27-36dis	75-95dis
Frankfurt	2.8224-2.8373	2.8224-2.8265	1½-1⅜prem	4½-4⅜prem
Lisbon	210.00-212.44	210.00-211.22	80-120dis	210-325dis
Madrid	191.19-192.18	191.19-191.46	19-42dis	51-53dis
Milan	1954.78-1969.66	1954.78-1960.44	1prem-2dis	3prem-1dis
Oslo	10.6966-10.7346	10.6966-10.7112	6¾-7¼dis	16¾-17⅝dis
Paris	9.2482-9.2965	9.2482-9.2647	2⅜-2⅛prem	6-5⅞prem
St'khlm	9.8290-9.8719	9.8290-9.8430	1⅛-⅝prem	4¼-3¾prem
Tokyo	232.03-232.62	232.03-232.40	1⅜-1¼prem	4-3⅞prem
Vienna	19.8768-19.7240	19.8768-19.9050	9⅝-8⅝prem	28½-25prem
Zurich	2.3510-2.3656	2.3510-2.3548	1⅜-1¼prem	4¼-4prem

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Avis Europe (250p)	231½ +½
Baker Harris Sndr (170p)	194
Blenheim Exhib (95p)	141 +1
Bilston&Battersea (103p)	143
Brake Bros (125p)	151 +1
Daniel S (130p)	158
Fletcher King (175p)	178 –12
Geest (125p)	153 –3
Glentree (16p)	48 –2
Gordon Russell (190p)	206 –1
Guthrie Corp (150p)	168
Halls Homes & Gdns (95p)	108
Harrison (150p)	160
Interlink Express (185p)	204 –3
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	132 –2
Lon& Metropolitan (145p)	168 –2
M & G Group	270 –3
Mecca Leisure (135p)	149½ –½
Miss Sam Hldgs (105p)	99 –5
Plum Hldgs (90p)	99 –1
Quarto (115p)	130
Spandex	220 –1
Sumit (135p)	140
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	90 –1
TSB Group (100p)	76¾ –¼
Virgin (140p)	133½ –½
Whinney Mackay (160p)	168
Wooltons Better (104p)	83 –2
Ward Group (97p)	104 +1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Blacks Leisure N/P	3¾ +½
Cook WM N/P	3 –5
Glanfield N/P	29 +2
Lon Assc Inv F/P	22
Norfolk Cap F/P	24
Petrocan F/P	63
Regalian N/P	6
Throg Sec N/P	2
Waddington N/P	8 –2
Walker (A)lfred	

(Issue price in brackets).

ARGYLL GROUP PLC

INTERIM RESULTS: SIX MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER

	1986 (unaudited) £m	*1985 (unaudited) £m*	
Turnover	986.0	*917.6*	+7%
Profit before taxation	36.3	*29.8*	+22%
Taxation	(12.0)	*(8.9)*	
	24.3	*20.9*	+16%
Earnings per share			
Actual tax	12.1p	*10.4p*	+16%
35% tax	11.7p	*9.6p*	+22%
Interim dividend per share	3.10p	*2.65p*	+17%

Excellent profit and net margin growth from the Food Division:

- Operating profit up 30%
- Net operating margin up from 3.09% to 3.75%

Current trading gives confidence that the Group will achieve its profit objectives for the year.

Copies of the full Interim Report may be obtained from the Company Secretary at Argyll House, Millington Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 4AY.

ARGYLL GROUP PLC

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 1	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 16
Dec 15	Jan 22	Mar 19	Mar 30

Call options were taken out on: 3/12/86 Amstrad, Peek Holdings, SelecTV, Lonrho, Chloride, Guinness, Parkdale, London Secs., Hanson Trust, Trust House Forte, Sears, Cannon Street, Skyline, Woolworth, Put: Turner & Newall.
Puts & Calls: Sears, Amstrad.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 86	88.62	88.82	88.58	88.60	726
Mar 87	88.64	88.68	88.62	88.63	1522
Jun 87	89.12	89.12	89.07	89.08	288
Sep 87	89.22	89.23	89.18	89.20	92
Dec 87	89.04	89.04	89.04	89.07	14
Mar 88	88.75	88.75	88.75	88.82	3
Previous day's total open interest 16164					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Previous day's total open interest 25481					
Dec 86	93.94	93.95	93.92	93.94	1359
Mar 87	94.10	94.14	94.09	94.11	2828
Jun 87	94.05	94.10	94.05	94.07	835
Sep 87	93.88	93.92	93.88	93.91	382
US Treasury Bond					
Previous day's total open interest 3290					
Dec 86	101.08	101-12	101.01	101-02	471
Mar 87	100-05	100-15	100-00	100-04	5858
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	99-07	0
Short Gilt					
Previous day's total open interest 679					
Dec 86	N/T	—	—	95-51	0
Mar 87	95-03	96-03	96-03	95-56	10
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt					
Previous day's total open interest 21034					
Dec 86	108-05	108-14	107-19	107-14	517
Mar 87	108-11	108-24	107-18	107-19	23220
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	107-19	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
FT-SE 100					
Previous day's total open interest 2897					
Dec 86	163.00	163.50	161.75	162.85	1098
Mar 87	165.85	165.85	164.50	165.40	306

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons (*301)	300	13	22	30	15	17	23
	330	4	13	18	38	40	42
	360	1	7	—	68	70	—
BP (*677)	600	88	103	—	1	10	—
	650	43	60	82	6	28	38
	700	13	32	50	28	55	63
Cons Gold (*638)	550	102	125	—	3	10	—
	600	70	90	104	12	25	33
	650	35	60	75	32	47	57
Courtaulds (*315)	260	57	68	—	½	2	—
	280	37	48	60	2	4	8
	300	21	37	48	6	9	14
	330	8	19	29	21	26	30
Com Union (*257)	260	11	20	27	10	17	21
	280	4	11	19	25	33	35
	300	1½	6	13	44	47	48
Cable & Wire (*320)	300	29	40	52	6	18	23
	325	15	25	—	18	28	—
	350	6	17	—	35	45	—
	375	1½	—	—	58	—	—
GEC (*166)	160	16	22	28	4	6	9
	180	6	11	17	17	20	22
	200	1½	5	9	35	38	38
Grand Met (*456)	360	105	110	—	1	1½	—
	390	75	810	—	1	3	—
	420	47½	62	80	3	13	16
	460	28	38	53	20	30	35
ICI (*1106)	950	172	187	—	2	5	—
	1000	123	140	163	3	10	16
	1050	78	102	133	9	25	33
	1100	37	68	103	22	45	55
Land Sec (*342)	300	47	57	64	1½	3	7
	330	21	34	41	5	11	14
	360	5	15	22	24	26	29
Marks & Spen (*183)	180	11	20	26	4	8	10
	200	3	11	16	18	22	24
	220	1	5	9	39	40	41
Shell Trans (*950)	850	112	130	148	2	14	23
	900	70	90	108	6	27	35
	950	32	55	75	22	45	53
Trafalgar House (*265)	260	13	22	29	9	18	21
	280	8	14	19	26	32	35
	300	3	72	12	42	45	49
TSB (*77)	70	9½	12	14½	1	2	3½
	80	3	7	9	5	6	7
	90	1½	2½	5½	14	14	14½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Beecham (*416)	360	60	73	—	1	2	—
	390	30	48	60	2	8	13
	420	6	30	40	8	22	30
	460	1	12	23	50	52	55
Boots (*229)	200	30	40	48	1	3	4
	220	13	26	32	2	10	13
	240	3	15½	21	15	16	25
BTR (*259)	280	4½	14	21	14	20	23
	300	—	8	14	—	37	40
	307	1	—	—	40	—	—
Bass (*721)	650	80	90	105	2	6	12
	700	35	55	78	5	15	30
	750	10	30	50	40	48	60
Blue Circle (*639)	600	45	73	93	4	11	20
	650	13	42	65	23	35	43
	700	3	—	—	63	—	—
De Beers (*780)	650	135	155	—	2	13	—
	700	90	125	140	3	25	35
	750	50	95	115	10	45	60
	800	17	63	95	40	68	85
Dixons (*329)	300	32	46	60	2	6	10
	330	6	28	44	6	16	20
	360	1½	16	30	32	34	36
GKN (*275)	240	37	44	49	1	3	6
	260	18	28	34	2	9	15
	280	7	18	25	13	17	23
	300	2	10	—	28	31	—
Glaxo (*921)	900	35	79	107	7	30	40
	950	6	50	80	35	53	64
	1000	2	32	60	85	90	97
	1050	1	16	—	135	135	—
Hanson (*191)	160	32½	36	—	½	2	—
	180	13	20	26	1½	6½	9
	200	2½	10	16	10½	16	20
	220	½	3½	7½	30½	31½	33½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Jaguar (*519)	500	25	53	72	3	24	30
	550	2	23	40	34	42	50
	600	1	13	—	83	85	—
Thorn EMI (*472)	420	57	68	88	1½	5	8
	460	20	40	60	7½	22	25
	500	6	20	38	35	40	45
	550	1	10	—	83	88	—
Tesco (*379)	330	52	—	—	½	—	—
	360	22	38	50	1½	9	15
	390	2½	25	32	15	22	32
	420	1½	11	17	45	50	53

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Brit Aero (*497)	420	93	100	—	5	7	—
	460	55	63	78	8	15	20
	500	30	40	53	23	30	35
BAT Inds (*452)	360	105	—	—	1	—	—
	390	75	82	—	2	4	—
	420	47	57	70	4	12	17
	460	22	30	47	20	27	30
Barclays (*474)	460	37	52	62	12	22	30
	500	18	27	35	35	42	50
	550	5	11	—	82	87	—
Brit Telecom (*194)	180	19	26	32	3	7	12
	200	8	15	20	15	17	21
	220	3	8	—	29	31	—
Cadbury Schwpps (*183)	160	30	33	37	3	5	9
	180	12	20	24	8	12	16
	200	5½	11	—	20	23	—
Guinness (278)	300	14	23	30	34	37	40
	330	5	12	18	57	60	62
	360	2	5	10	85	85	88
Ladbroke (*358)	330	38	48	60	3	9	12
	360	20	30	42	15	20	25
	390	9	17	27	35	38	42
LASMO (*146)	130	26	31	—	4	8	—
	140	18	25	30	9	12	15
	160	10	15	19	20	23	26
Midland Bank (*541)	500	62	80	90	5	15	23
	550	32	40	50	22	35	40
	600	10	15	25	60	67	72
P & O (*523)	460	78	88	103	3	6	10
	500	45	58	73	10	17	22
	550	14	30	38	33	40	45
Racal (*181)	160	27	36	42	6	8	9
	180	14	20	26	10	16	22
	200	5	10	—	21	30	—
RTZ (*665)	600	97	112	—	8	18	—
	650	58	75	90	22	37	48
	700	30	45	62	50	60	67
Vaal Reefs (*83)	70	17	20½	23½	3½	4½	6
	80	8½	13½	16	7½	8½	10
	90	3½	9	10½	12½	14	15½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Lonrho (*230)	209	36	43	—	2	7	—
	220	22	28	34	9	16	19
	240	9½	16½	21	23	28	31
	260	4½	8½	—	40	42	—

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£101)	100	2 23/32	2¾	3 1/16	1	47/32	1¾
	102	1	47/32	2 1/16	[illegible]	2 7/16	2¾
	104	17/32	¾	—	3 3/16	3¾	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£106)	104	3¾	4¾	5¼	[illegible]	[illegible]	3 5/16
	106	2 5/16	3¾	4	[illegible]	3¾	4¾
	108	47/32	[illegible]	3¾	[illegible]	5	5¾
	110	29/32	[illegible]	—	5¾	6 5/16	—
	112	9/16	[illegible]	—	7	7¾	—
	114	9/32	1	—	6¾	9 7/16	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Puts Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Feb	Puts Mar
FT-SE Index (*1614)	1550	80	92	—	—	3	9	—	—
	1575	58	72	—	—	7	17	—	—
	1600	40	55	67	—	12	25	32	—
	1625	27	40	50	68	27	37	42	48
	1650	15	30	38	52	45	50	55	60
	1675	7	20	30	—	65	65	72	—
	1700	3	—	—	—	90	—	—	—

December 3, 1986. Total contracts 38683. Calls 25271. Puts 13412. FT-SE Index. Calls: 783. Puts: 2074

*Underlying security price.

31 British companies win Nissan contracts

By David Young

New contracts have been *placed to supply components* for the Nissan cars produced in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, which means that more than 50 per cent of the cars will be sourced from Britain within a year of production starting.

The company, which started production in September, has placed contracts with 31 *British companies and four* companies in other European Economic Community member-countries for parts which will be introduced progressively to the Bluebird range this year and next.

By 1988, the cars will be considered to be British built, with 60 per cent of their content produced locally. By *1991, that level will reach 80* per cent.

At present, the plant is producing 24,000 cars a year, which will rise to 100,000 by 1991.

Mr Ian Gibson, director of *purchasing and production* control, said yesterday: "We now have contracts with 58 British and nine European suppliers, representing potential business of more than £130 million a year at full production levels."

In brief

● **LEEDS GROUP:** A final dividend of 4p has been declared, making 6.25p for the *year (5.21p adjusted), on in*creased share capital for the year ended September 30. With figures in £000, turnover *amounted to* 14,157 (14,455), trading surplus 2,791 (2,436), depreciation 417 (431), profit before tax 2,374 (2,005) and tax 902 (859). Earnings per share were 19.7p (15.3p). During the past year a further £1 million has been added to the company's strong cash position. This enables the acquisition of Walsden and a number of new capital investment projects to be financed without recourse to *borrowing. The group says it* expects to benefit on balance from the lower value of sterling and this year has opened with some promise in several areas. The shares were 195p, up 4p.

● **COALITE GROUP:** Results for the six months to September *30 include an interim dividend* of 2.25p (2p) and, with figures in £000, turnover was 182,470 (209,753), operating profit after depreciation 3,204 (3,311), interest and similar income receivable 4,438 (3,520). Profit before tax amounted to 14,408 (13,241) and tax totalled 5,181 (5,561). Earnings per share were 10.73p (8.93p). The board says the most significant feature of the year so far is the acquisition *of the Hargreaves Group which* provides the company with a firm basis for expansion and growth. The senior management of Coalite and Hargreaves are working together to bring about a successful integration of the combined company. The results from Hargreaves were consolidated from November 1. The company says it is expecting a satisfactory outcome for the year as a whole, subject to the usual hazards of the winter weather and consumer demand.

TEMPUS

Tate seeks a sweeter success

The most important item on the *Tate & Lyle* corporate agenda is the impending report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the fate of the British Sugar Corporation.

All eyes are therefore focused more on Westminster than on the company to see if perhaps Tate & Lyle will be allowed to bid for the prize it *thought it could never have.*

Yesterday's preliminary results, however, were more than just a minor diversion.

They show that many of the areas Tate & Lyle is involved in are going in the right direction and that it has diversified to the point that it can withstand a crippling sugar price war without being brought to its knees.

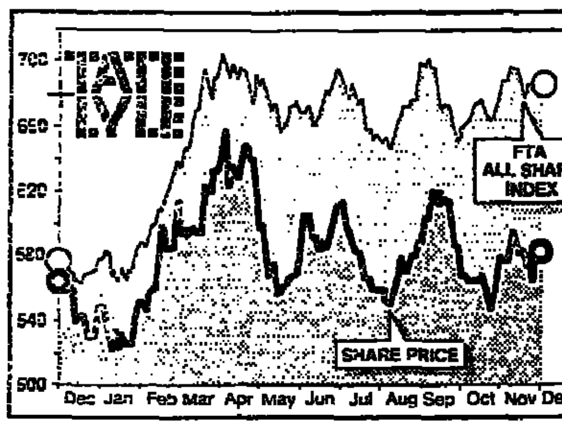
British Sugar's efforts to win market share for its low cost beet production in Britain reduced Tate's sugar refining profits, where the high cost of cane puts it at a competitive disadvantage, from £12.3 million to £4.1 million in the year to September 27.

A turnaround in sugar trading, an excellent result from the American sugar operation and improvements elsewhere more than offset this, however, and the group increased pretax profits by 6 per cent to £81.5 million.

In 1987, the sugar refining profit in Britain will improve significantly. British Sugar has given up the fight for *market share and is con*centrating on profits again. And in the US, acquisitions will boost Tate's sugar *earnings.*

In the longer term, Tate & Lyle has its new low calorie sweetener, Sucralose, which it has been developing for the last eight years. It should soon be in a position to submit it to government agencies for approval, but it is unlikely to contribute to profits until late 1988.

Tate should make about £95 million pretax this year,



implying a prospective multiple of 8.2. The shares are standing at a hefty 25 per cent discount to the market.

If Tate were to succeed in buying British Sugar, it would be very good news indeed. But if it failed, it would not be the end of the world for Tate & Lyle. The discount looks undeserved.

Smith & Nephew

Strong consumer brands like Nivea, good growth in personal hygiene products and high margins from its medical and health care products allow the smooth and steady upward progression of Smith & Nephew Associated Companies profits to continue. At the third quarter stage, the company reported pretax profit up 22.8 per cent to £58.2 million for the 40 weeks to October 4.

Earnings, however, are not growing quite so fast, up just 18.8 per cent to 4.68p.

The fly in the ointment is *tiny. It concerns the £192.7* million acquisition of Richards Medical, the US company, last August for a mixture of cash and shares. This will dilute earnings for the next year at least, while there will be a higher tax charge in the United States.

All the Smith & Nephews traditional strengths remain, however, and Jennifer McGregor, pharmaceuticals analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, is looking for £87 million pretax for the full year.

The shares, always highly rated, may look a touch expensive on a 17.4 multiple, especially since the market is still absorbing stock from the Richards acquisition.

In the short term, the shares are likely to prove a dull market. In the longer term though, the company will no doubt prove to be the sound investment it has always been.

Northern Foods

The recent EEC pronouncement that the Milk Marketing Board was breaking the rules with its differential pricing policy has cast a dark cloud over companies with commercial dairy interests. However, Northern Foods is not unduly gloomy.

It is not heavily involved in the processing of milk for butter or hard cheese, the *market segments particularly* affected by the European Commission's ruling. Moreover, it believes that its emphasis on *high quality* products such as liquid milk and cream places it in a strong buying position which would be enhanced if the board were to be disbanded.

The conclusion of this issue is some way off, but nervousness on the subject should keep predators at bay.

Mrs Edwina Curry would not be overly impressed with Northern Foods' portfolio of products but people appear to be prepared to commit themselves only so far to healthy eating.

The trend towards consumption of low-fat milk is slowing. At Northern Foods it accounts for 15 per cent of liquid milk sales — a few percentage points below average. Margins are no lower than on normal milk.

However, the market is now flooded with cream. Lower prices have stimulated demand which is up by 7 per cent but has affected margins. However, although people are eating less butter it appears they are eating more cream. Northern Foods sales of cream-topped trifles to Marks and Spencer have, for instance, increased by 40 per cent.

Biscuits and meat products are also doing well. The *Classic* biscuit has been well received.

Acquisitions in Britain will *be hard to find since there are* others around equally keen to pick up good opportunities. Avana remains a taboo sub*ject although there is a clear* synergy. However, with gearing set to be under 20 per cent by the year end, there is scope to do something big.

Northern Foods is keen to keep some exposure to the US although the market is unlikley to encourage it to do anything dramatic.

The group still commands the City's respect. On a forecast of £75 million the shares are on a p/e ratio of 11.9 which seems fair *enough. However, a* combination of mishaps in the last few years has left a nasty taste in the mouth. The direction the group plans to move in will need to be more apparent or else its position as a blue chip may be in jeopardy.

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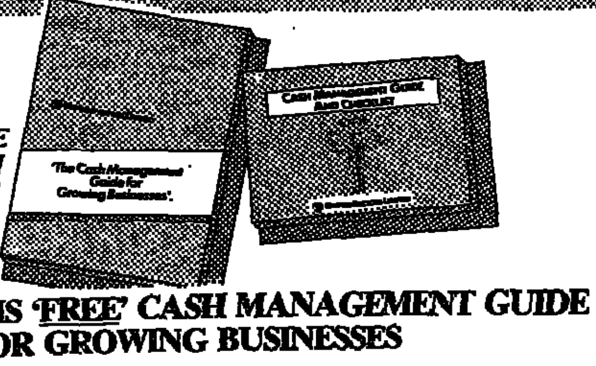

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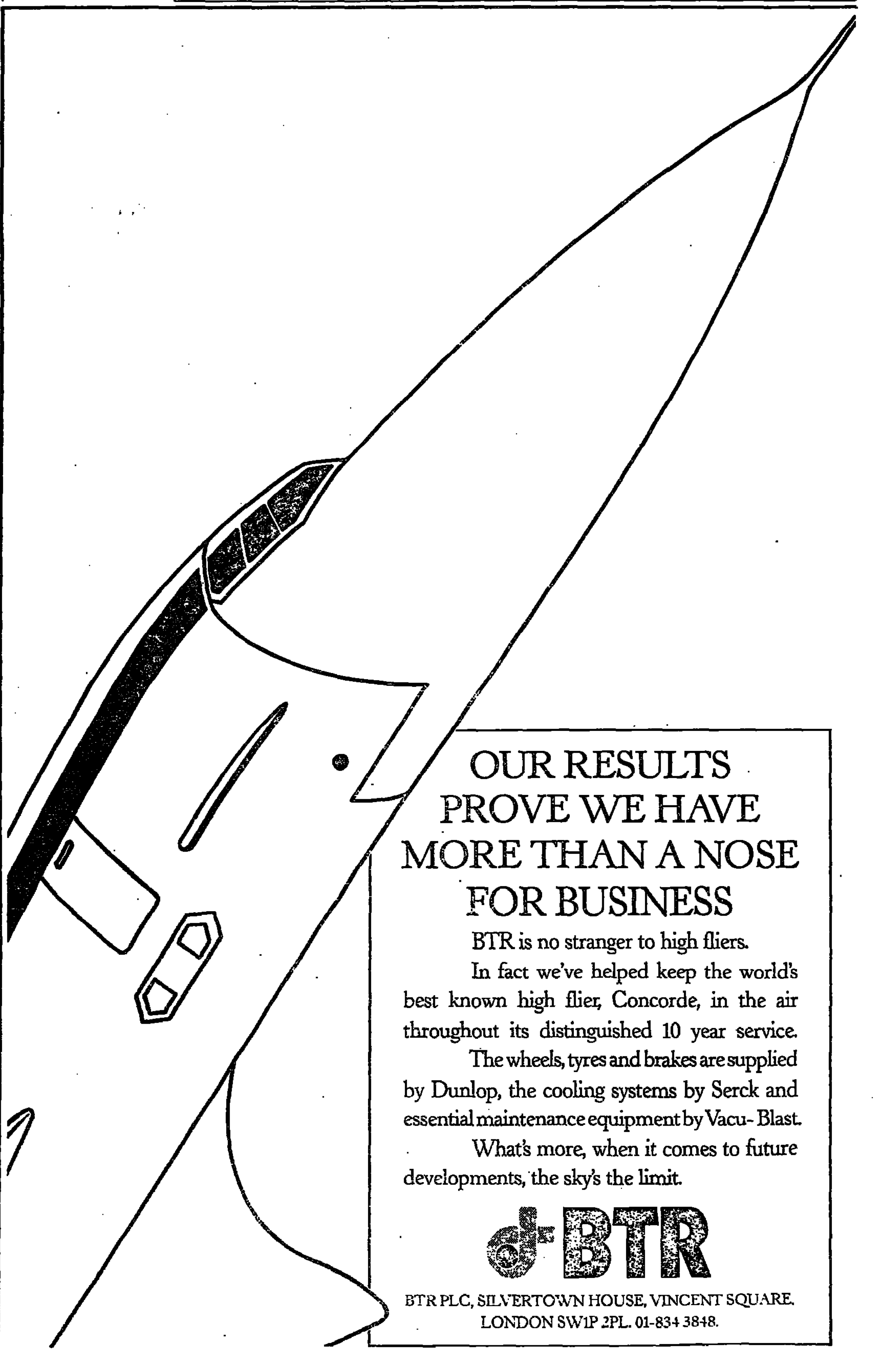

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American Growth	157.2	167.2	-0.2	0.84
Asian Pacific	61.4	65.3●	+0.8	1.73
Assets & Earns	106.6	113.4●	-0.1	2.52
Capital Reserve	65.4	69.8	-0.1	1.53
Comm & Energy	93.8	99.7	+0.8	1.14
European Capital	103.5	110.0	-0.3	1.15
General	135.8	144.4	-0.2	2.84
Japan	77.8	82.7	-0.7	..
UK Growth Inc	103.5	110.0	+0.1	1.43
Do Accum	149.6	159.1	+0.2	0.99
US Emerging Co's	55.2	58.7●	-0.4	0.09
Equitas Progress	202.5	215.4●	-0.1	3.95
Mastertst Acc	67.7	72.0	..	2.28
American Inc	47.8	50.8	+0.1	5.19
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	223.6	237.2	+0.3	3.14
Growth & Income	131.5	139.5	+0.2	3.25
Capital Trust	222.5	235.9	-2.4	2.95
Balanced	351.5	372.5●	+0.3	3.46
Accum Trust	542.4	574.9●	+0.8	3.06
American Income	33.8	36.0	-0.1	4.08
High Income Tst	249.5	264.5	..	4.91
Equity Income	141.9	150.4	..	5.03
High Yield	144.5	153.3●	-0.3	5.34
Govt Secs Trust	26.5	27.7	+0.1	10.40
International	93.2	99.3	-0.2	0.82
Japan Fund	121.0	128.9	-0.8	0.01
Pacific Trust	199.6	212.6	-1.1	0.84
Amer Spcl Sits	69.0	73.5	..	1.33
Secs Of Amer Tst	211.2	224.9●	+0.1	0.93
Aid Asset Value	227.2	240.8●	+0.1	3.53
Conv & Gilt Trust	33.1	34.6●	-0.1	3.27
Smaller Co's	127.2	134.8	-0.2	2.54
2nd Smaller Co's	161.4	171.1	+0.2	2.34
Recovery Trust	81.5	86.4●	-0.1	2.18
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES 131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY 01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	57.0	60.9●	-0.3	1.65
Do Accum	65.3	69.8●	-0.3	1.65
Ryl Tst Pacific Basin	151.4	161.9	+1.6	0.75
Do 8% Withdrawal	79.1	84.5	+0.8	0.75
Finance & Property	71.5	76.4	-0.9	3.70
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	47.6	50.1●	-0.8	8.16
Do Accum	81.0	85.2●	-0.8	8.16
Equity Income	76.5	81.8●	-0.3	4.68
Do Accum	181.1	193.6●	-0.8	4.68
High Yield Income	75.5	80.7●	-0.3	6.62
Do Accum	204.1	218.2●	-1.1	6.62
Intl Income	87.7	93.7	+2.1	1.94
Do Accum	90.1	96.3	+2.2	1.94
Do 5% Withdrwl	81.4	87.0●	+2.0	1.94
Managed Fund	65.6	69.1	-0.5	..
Preference Income	28.2	30.1●	..	10.31
Do Accum	92.3	98.7●	..	10.31
Ryl Tst Smlr Co's	67.3	71.9●	..	2.20
Portfolio Tst UK	73.9	78.7	-0.7	1.44
Portfolio Tst Japan	100.2	103.6	+0.7	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	71.9	74.5	-0.9	1.09
Portfolio Tst Europe	127.8	132.4	..	0.00
Portfolio Tst HK	52.9	54.8	+0.7	0.10
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-225 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	471.4	491.9	..	0.66
Japan Ex (43)	420.7	436.8	..	0.21
UK Ex (81)	235.7	250.8●	-0.2	1.34
P'sal Pens Intl	541.6	570.6		
P'sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7		
BG America	170.3	181.2	+0.7	0.00
BG Energy	157.1	167.2●	+0.5	2.02
BG Income Grwth	199.0	211.8●	-0.4	5.41
BG Japan	195.6	208.1	-1.0	0.00
BG Technology	155.7	165.7	+0.1	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-491 0295				
American	46.7	49.7	..	0.68
Australian	22.4	23.9	+0.7	2.21
Japan & General	110.4	117.5	-0.3	0.08
High Income	45.1	48.0●	+0.1	5.85
International Trust	87.1	92.7	..	1.40
Income Gth Tst	48.7	51.8	-0.2	3.58
Gilts & Fixed Int	19.8	21.1	..	10.35
Global Markets	35.0	37.3	+0.5	1.39
Special Situations	41.6	44.5	-0.1	1.34
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
America	89.3	94.4●	..	1.44
Aust Accum	179.7	190.1●	..	0.91
Do Income	127.2	134.6●	..	0.91
Capital	69.9	73.9	..	3.05
Exempt Trust	416.8	441.0●	..	4.31
Extra Income	74.4	78.7	..	5.71
Financial	230.3	243.7●	..	3.09
500	266.3	281.7	..	3.21
General	138.4	146.4	..	3.26
Gilt & Fixed Inc	48.0	51.5●	..	10.64
Japan & Gen Inc	165.6	175.2	..	0.00
Do Acc	167.5	177.2	..	0.00
Growth Accum	179.6	190.0	..	2.27
Income Trust	337.9	357.5	..	3.92
Leisure Trust	80.0	84.6	..	1.46
Special Situations	142.7	151.0	..	2.39
Recovery	196.4	207.8●	..	2.80
Trustee Fund	105.1	111.2	..	3.06
Univ Tech Accum	55.6	58.8	..	0.19
Do Income	55.0	58.2	..	0.19
Worldwide Trust	154.1	163.0	..	1.15
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc	332.9	352.2●	..	3.47
Do Inc	212.4	224.7●	..	3.47
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	78.5	83.9●	-0.2	0.30
Eastern	73.1	78.1	-0.1	0.30
Equity Income	57.5	61.1●	-0.2	5.80
Europe	138.9	147.7●	+0.5	1.00
Growth & Inc	63.4	67.4	+0.1	3.00
Japan Special	107.6	115.0	-0.1	0.30
Japan Sunrise	93.6	100.1	-0.1	0.30
First Europe	122.0	129.7	+0.1	0.60
First Japan	90.7	96.9	-0.4	1.10
First N Amer	51.8	55.1	-0.4	1.10
First Smaller Co's	66.6	70.6●	..	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT 10, Fenchurch St, London EC3 01-623 8000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	64.5	68.0	+0.1	1.43
Do Accum	65.9	69.5	+0.1	1.43
European Inc	104.4	110.1	+0.3	1.35
Do Accum	128.3	135.4	+0.3	1.35
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	21.7	22.9	-0.1	2.37
Do Accum	27.9	29.4	-0.1	2.37
General Inc	163.8	172.8	-1.7	2.89
Do Accum	223.2	235.5	-2.2	2.89
Gilt Yield Inc	103.1	106.2●	-0.2	10.89
Do Accum	169.9	175.0	-0.2	10.89
High Yield Inc	92.5	97.6	-0.5	5.28
Do Accum	186.2	196.4	-1.1	5.28
Intl Rec Inc	105.0	110.8●	-0.2	1.99
Do Accum	111.0	117.1●	-0.7	1.99
Japan Inc	238.5	251.7	-2.2	0.23
Do Accum	240.3	253.5	-2.2	0.23
Japanese Spec Inc	106.8	112.7	-1.2	0.37
Do Accum	107.2	113.1	-1.3	0.37
N American Inc	50.7	53.5c	..	0.75
Do Accum	59.0	62.2	+0.1	0.75
Pacific Inc	137.2	144.7	-0.6	0.60
Do Accum	154.7	163.2	-0.6	0.60
Planned Investment	133.0	140.9	..	3.97
Smaller Co's Inc	83.1	87.7●	..	1.44
Do Accum	99.2	104.7	..	1.44
UK Equity Gth Inc	27.2	28.7	-0.3	1.09
Do Accum	44.9	47.4	-0.4	1.09
Worldwide Tech Inc	39.1	41.3	-0.2	1.57
Do Accum	39.4	41.6	-0.2	1.57
KB Smaller Co's Inc	159.0	167.7	..	2.18
Do Accum	207.5	219.0	..	2.18
KB High Yield Inc	128.7	135.8●	-0.5	4.98
Do Accum	217.3	229.2	-0.8	4.98

Fund	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	128.7	136.9	-0.6	2.62
Smaller Co's Acc	234.1	250.4	+0.4	..
Do Income	149.5	159.9	+0.3	0.99
High Income	66.5	71.1	+0.1	5.75
Income	76.7	82.0	..	4.70
Man Portfolio Inc	63.1	67.1	..	3.00
Do Acc	109.4	113.2	..	..
North American	56.5	60.4	+0.8	1.45
Orient	85.7	91.8●	-0.5	0.23
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	51.8	54.9	..	3.00
General Inc (4)	219.7	229.6●	..	3.39
Do Accum (4)	353.9	369.7	..	3.39
Income Fund (3)	102.4	107.3●	..	5.05
Do Accum (3)	182.9	191.7	..	5.05
Intl Inc (2)	136.0	141.8	-1.0	1.52
Do Accum (2)	180.9	188.8	+0.7	1.52
Smaller Inc (5)	£12.25	12.92	..	2.53
Do Accum (5)	£13.06	13.78	..	2.53
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	83.4	88.7	-1.0	0.56
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	289.0	305.8	-1.7	2.86
Income	335.1	355.1	-2.2	3.77
Far East	236.5	250.6	+1.2	0.25
North American	152.1	160.9	-1.1	0.87
Global	52.7	55.8	-0.1	0.81
European	58.2	61.6	..	1.22
Japan	59.3	62.8	+0.2	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	370.6	394.3	+1.3	1.79
Income	289.0	301.1	+0.4	4.91
North American	296.1	315.0	-0.5	0.81
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	87.2	93.5●	+0.9	12.60
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	413.65		+0.10	4.52
Fixed Int	131.3		-2.0	10.88
Deposit	100.0		..	10.65
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	58.3	59.5	..	0.64
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	384.68		+2.79	4.94
Accum	£11,187		+0.14	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.65
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	24.7	26.2	+0.2	1.80
Equity High Income	43.2	45.8●	..	4.50
European Growth	32.1	34.0●	-0.2	2.00
General Equity	38.7	41.0	..	2.60
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	26.6	28.3	..	3.60
Gilt & Fixed Inc	22.4	23.6●	..	9.50
Index Securities	24.4	25.7	-0.1	2.40
Intl Inc Tst	23.9	25.3	..	5.00
Japan Growth	34.1	36.1	-0.4	0.90
Pedigree Gth	24.2	25.7	-0.1	2.50
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD 161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Energy Trust	49.2	52.0	+0.2	4.03
Extra Income	167.9	177.7	+0.9	5.26
Financial	170.2	180.2	+0.4	2.30
Gilt Strategy	56.2	58.0●	..	1.96
Growth Investment	283.5	300.0	-0.3	2.56
Income & Growth	41.8	44.2●	..	4.60
Japanese Growth	189.8	200.9	-2.0	0.62
Nth Amer Growth	107.0	113.3●	+0.1	1.44
Intl Recovery	115.5	122.2	-0.7	2.16
Smaller Co's	223.0	236.0	+0.5	1.61
Global Inc Tst	61.6	65.2●	+0.1	5.46
Special Sits Acc	288.1	304.9	+0.2	1.49
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
High Income Trust	250.4	265.4	+0.2	4.91
Growth Trust	224.3	238.6	-0.3	3.02
American Trust	129.3	137.6	..	0.73
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
UK Income	47.9	51.2	+0.1	4.72
UK Growth Accum	48.8	52.2	..	2.41
Do Dist	48.8	52.2	..	2.41
European Growth	60.0	63.9	-0.3	1.86
Pacific Growth	55.0	58.8	-0.3	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	72.4	77.1●	+0.3	1.30
Capital Fund	101.3	107.8	..	1.58
Growth & Inc Fund	130.7	139.1	+0.1	4.49
High Dist Fund	109.9	117.0●	+0.1	5.77
International Fund	212.6	226.4	-0.2	0.99
Resources Fund	25.1	26.7	+0.1	0.37
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	34.7	36.9	..	..
Tokyo Fund	165.4	176.1	-1.4	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	147.0	151.0	-0.9	3.63
(Ex) Japan (3)	106.0	110.9●	..	0.19
(Ex) Pacific (4)	320.7	329.5	..	0.30
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	200.3	205.8	..	0.10
Eurofund	29.7	31.6●	-0.1	3.16
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	70.1	74.4●	..	3.18
Do Accum	71.9	76.3●	..	3.10
UK Growth Accum	89.7	95.2	+0.1	2.15
UK High Inc Inc	68.0	72.2●	+0.2	4.84
N American Accum	69.1	73.7	+0.2	0.72
Far Eastern Accum	109.1	116.4	-0.4	0.87
European Accum	92.4	98.6	-0.9	1.77
UK Gilt & FI Inc	49.2	52.2●	..	9.39
Do Accum	52.3	55.5●	..	8.83
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB 0708-66966				
Endurance	110.9	118.0	..	3.04
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION 35, Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	75.3	80.2	..	3.47
High Income Trust	76.4	80.3●	..	5.83
Gilt & Fixed Int	48.5	51.6	+0.1	9.20
Tst Of Inv Trusts	71.0	75.6	+0.5	1.98
Special Sits Trust	75.3	80.2	-0.2	2.34
Nth Amer Trust	60.4	64.3	..	1.85
Far Eastern Trust	97.8	104.1	+1.9	0.44
Intl Growth	56.2	59.8	+0.3	1.08
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	142.9	152.7●	-3.2	3.29
Do Income	128.0	136.1●	+0.1	3.29
Higher Inc Accum	250.0	265.9●	..	4.54
Do Income	197.8	210.1●	..	4.54
Gilts/Fixed Accum	92.6	97.4	+0.1	9.34
Do Income	76.6	80.6	+0.1	9.34
Nth Amer Tst Accum	137.5	146.3	+0.1	0.04
Far East Tst Accum	170.9	181.8●	-0.7	0.14
Euro Tst Accum	178.2	189.5	-4.1	0.53
General Trust	238.2	253.5	+0.1	3.38
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	71.6	76.2	-0.3	0.29
Capital Fund	112.2	119.4	..	0.28
UK Income Fund	75.7	80.6	-0.2	4.90
Far Eastern Fund	76.1	81.0	+0.4	0.00
Overseas Income	75.5	80.4●	+0.1	3.38
Fixed Interest	53.6	57.1●	-0.2	8.00
Natural Res Fund	49.4	52.6	-0.1	3.28
European Income	87.8	93.5	-0.1	2.71
Financials Fund	48.5	51.7	..	2.80
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	44.2	47.0	..	1.40
Do Accum	45.1	48.0	..	..
Income Gth Inc	40.4	43.0●	..	5.00
Do Accum	43.3	46.1●	..	..
Service Co's Inc	51.6	54.9●	..	1.00
Do Accum	52.4	55.7●	..	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	107.1	114.6●	-0.3	0.75
Amer Equity Income	35.3	37.8	-0.4	4.41
Amer Special Sits	55.1	58.7	-0.4	0.63
Australia	32.8	34.9	+0.5	1.55
European	45.7	48.4	+0.1	0.00
Far East Inc	36.2	38.4●	+0.2	4.05
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.5	29.7	..	9.95
Growth & Income	96.1	102.6c	-0.5	4.84
Japan Special Sits	41.1	43.6	+0.9	..
Japan	143.2	153.2	+1.1	..
Managed Int	142.8	152.8	+0.2	0.01
Max Income Equity	81.5	87.7●	-0.3	5.14
Professional Gth	32.7	35.0	-0.3	2.38
South East Asia	42.5	45.3	+0.5	0.23
Special Sits	171.5	184.5	+0.5	0.57
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£268.3	274.6	-1.68	1.34
Japan Exempt	£452.0	461.2	-4.13	0.72
Am Property Tst	$10000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0		..	5.80
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	216.6	229.2	-1.1	..
Do Accum	221.4	234.2	-1.2	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	205.2	217.0	-0.6	1.25
Do Accum	212.8	225.0	-0.6	1.25
Capital Tst Inc	201.4	213.0	-0.6	2.38
Do Accum	245.4	259.6	-0.6	2.38
Conv & Gilt Inc	87.6	92.8	..	8.32
Do Accum	117.0	123.6	..	8.32
Extra Inc Tst Inc	167.4	177.0	..	4.61
Do Accum	181.4	191.8	-0.2	4.61
Income Trust	119.6	126.5●	+0.2	4.13
Do Accum	128.2	135.6●	+0.1	4.13
Int Growth Fd Inc	163.4	172.8●	-0.2	..
Do Accum	181.4	191.8●	-0.4	..
Japan & Gen Inc	93.4	98.6	-0.6	0.07
Do Accum	94.4	99.8	-0.6	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	83.8	88.4●	..	4.98
Recovery	145.6	154.0	-2.3	1.48
Do Accum	158.4	167.6	-2.6	1.48
European Inc	68.2	72.0	+0.2	0.80
Do Accum	68.2	72.0	+0.2	0.80
Financial Inc	48.2	50.8	..	1.00
Do Accum	48.2	50.8	..	1.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	196.6	208.9●	..	2.81
Do Accum	331.5	351.9●	+0.2	2.81
FP Fixed Int Dist	101.9	108.3●	-0.4	8.64
Do Accum	120.4	128.0●	-0.4	8.64
Stewardship Dist	170.8	181.3●	-0.1	1.73
Do Accum	177.9	188.8●	-0.1	1.73
FUNDS IN COURT Public Trustee Kingsway WC2 01-405 4300				
Capital	369.7	378.1	..	2.76
Gross Inc	152.7	157.5	..	7.37
High Yield	225.4	228.3	..	5.85
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	63.4	67.5	..	1.10
UK Cap Fnd Inc	102.1	108.7	..	2.70
Do Accum	146.7	156.1	..	2.70
Income Fund	78.1	83.1	..	6.00
Pension Exempt	184.8	192.6	..	1.70
International	178.6	188.1	..	0.90
US & General	55.7	59.3●	..	0.80
Tech & Growth	63.4	67.5	..	1.10
Japan & General	246.9	262.7	..	0.10
Far East & Gen	123.3	131.2●	..	0.40
European Fund	284.7	302.9	..	0.30
Germany Fund	79.7	84.8●	..	0.80
Intl Inc Fund	51.0	54.3●	..	4.60
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	86.5	91.8	-0.1	0.55
Australian Trust	24.9	26.4	+0.1	0.19
British Tst Accum	62.4	66.3	+0.6	1.81
Do Dist	54.1	57.3	+0.5	1.81
Commodity Share	73.3	77.8●	-0.3	1.41
European Trust	57.8	61.4	-0.2	0.80
Extra Income Trust	49.5	52.6●	+0.4	5.09
Far Eastern Trust	149.1	158.2	-0.4	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	25.2	26.6	..	10.68
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.8	26.4	-0.1	8.66
Global Fund Accum	186.8	198.2●	-0.8	0.30
Do Dist	177.7	188.6●	-0.8	0.30
Gold Share Trust	15.6	16.6●	-0.6	1.48
Hedged American	31.4	33.3●	-0.1	0.60
High Income Trust	145.7	154.6	+0.8	5.59
Hong Kong Trust	37.5	39.8	+0.1	1.20
Income Fund	79.7	84.6	-0.1	3.03
Insurance Agencies	£49.64	51.83	-0.18	2.02
Japan Trust	133.5	141.7	-1.6	0.00
Managed Exempt	259.2	270.0	-0.3	2.42
Oil & Energy Trust	35.0	37.1	-0.1	2.50
Special Sits Trust	100.0	106.2	-0.2	0.81
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	76.7	81.4	-0.1	0.73
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	86.0	91.4●	-0.1	1.15
American Growth	66.1	70.3	+0.4	0.68
American Inc	73.2	77.8	+0.3	4.47
European Growth	246.2	261.9●	-1.7	0.43
Gold & Minerals	46.5	49.7	-0.4	0.69
Japan Growth	158.6	169.5	-0.1	..
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN 01-588 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	109.9	114.2	..	9.82
Growth Equity	198.7	210.5●	+1.1	2.07
Guardhill	273.0	292.8	+0.9	2.92
N American	146.4	155.0	+0.2	1.36
Pacific	260.1	275.3	+2.1	0.09
Property Share	277.5	293.7	+0.3	1.36
Smaller Companies	217.9	230.6	-0.1	1.89
European Trust	279.0	295.3c	+0.1	0.96
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
High Income	50.5	54.2	..	8.54
N Amer Trust	112.9	120.1	..	0.78
Recovery	226.0	242.6	-1.5	2.08
Gilt Trust	35.5	36.9●	..	9.83
St Vincent Inc	85.4	88.1	-0.2	5.34
St Vincent US Gth	74.5	77.8	-0.2	0.74
Temple Bar Sm Co's	187.1	197.4	..	3.42
Euro Gth Tst	48.7	51.8	+0.1	0.80

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HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916				
Hambros Smlr Co's	136.9	145.3	-0.5	1.78
Hambros N Amer	66.3	70.3●	+0.1	0.92
Hambros Jap & F E	124.1	131.7●	-0.2	0.46
Hambros Scandvn	84.4	89.5	-0.3	0.86
Hambros European	109.6	116.3	-0.5	0.79
Hambros Canadian	49.6	52.6●	+0.2	1.24
Hambros Equity Inc	84.9	90.1●	..	4.82
Hambros High Inc	59.5	63.1	-0.1	5.55
Hambros Res Assets	63.1	67.0	+0.3	1.90
Hambros Intl Sits	55.6	59.2	+0.1	0.84
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	112.0	119.3●	+1.0	0.82
Amer Smaller Co's	51.1	54.7	+0.4	0.01
Australian	81.5	86.8	+0.5	1.22
Capital Growth Inc	56.0	59.6	-0.9	1.58
Do Accum	65.1	69.3	-1.0	1.58
European	282.6	300.8●	-1.4	0.89
Euro Inc Tst	48.9	51.5	..	4.37
Euro Smaller Co's	106.6	113.4●	+1.1	0.09
Extra Income	169.6	180.6●	-3.2	4.40
Financial Trust	156.4	166.4●	-0.2	2.57
Fixed Interest Tst	52.1	55.2●	..	10.17
Gilt Trust	39.3	41.7●	-0.8	9.74
Global Healthcare	72.7	77.4	-0.6	0.01
Global Resources	81.0	86.3	+1.1	3.89
Global Tech	112.4	119.7	-1.2	0.01
Gold	59.0	63.1	+1.7	2.48
High Income Tst	184.5	196.5●	+0.3	4.67
Hong Kong	69.0	73.4	+1.5	0.87
Income & Growth Inc	148.3	155.6●	-0.4	3.82
Do Accum	289.7	308.2●	-0.9	3.82
Income Assets	110.1	117.1	-0.3	3.89
International	187.1	200.1	+0.8	0.55
Japan Special Sits	180.7	192.2	+0.1	0.01
Japan Tst	173.9	184.8	+1.2	0.01
North American	145.6	155.7	+0.4	0.82
Pacific Smaller Co's	81.0	86.2	+1.2	0.80
Pref & Gilt	48.4	49.4●	..	8.91
Recovery Tst	99.2	105.6	-3.8	2.50
Singapore & Malay	34.0	36.2	+0.2	1.41
Smaller Co's Div	114.7	122.2●	-1.1	4.77
Special Sits Inc	131.5	140.0	-1.8	1.31
Do Accum	186.2	198.3	-2.5	1.31
Worldwide	373.0	392.6	..	2.89
Euro Exempt	136.3	143.5	-0.6	1.65
Global Tech Exempt	92.8	97.9●	..	0.83
High Income Exempt	122.0	128.4●	-0.2	4.84
Japan Exempt	169.9	178.6	-1.3	0.73
N Amer Exempt	87.7	92.3●	+0.1	1.33
Pacific Exempt	201.9	212.5●	+0.2	1.29
Smaller Co's Exempt	117.9	124.1●	-0.3	2.12
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	539.3	570.7●	+0.9	3.15
Capital Trust Units	105.7	111.9	+0.2	2.61
Dollar Trust Units	194.0	205.3	..	2.35
European Trust	152.7	161.6	-1.2	0.90
Far East Trust	139.8	148.0	+1.8	0.56
Financial Trust	370.2	391.8	-1.3	2.76
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	25.8	26.9●	-0.3	10.37
Do Growth	40.0	42.5	..	8.00
High Yield Trust	65.2	69.1●	..	5.10
Income Trust	82.5	87.4●	-0.1	4.71
International	140.3	148.5	+0.5	1.75
Japan Tech Tst	38.6	40.8	-0.7	0.06
Natural Resources	37.4	39.4	-0.4	1.91
Security Trust	188.3	199.3	+0.2	3.29
Smaller Cos	88.7	93.9	-0.1	1.92
Special Sits	95.6	101.2	-2.9	2.49
US Smaller Cos	24.0	25.4	-0.1	0.98
IBI FUND MANAGERS 32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB 01-222 1000				
IBI Brit & O'seas	142.8	151.2●	-0.1	1.70
IBI Inc Plus	57.0	60.4	..	8.30
IBI Capital Growth	58.3	61.7	..	1.30
Investment Tst Fnd	74.8	79.2●	..	3.40
KEY FUND MANAGERS 35, Fountain Street, Manchester (03036) 93384				
Equity & Gen	44.7	47.7	+0.3	1.88
Gilt & Fixed Int Fund	62.5	65.5	..	10.84
Higher Inc	120.9	129.3●	-1.3	4.96
Income	50.8	54.2●	+0.8	3.54
International	277.7	297.0●	-0.6	1.00
KLEINWORT BENSON 'SEE BARRINGTON MGMT CO LTD'				
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT Percy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE 01-588 2800				
Income Fund	447.9	457.1	..	5.31
International & Gen	282.3	287.7	..	1.00
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex 0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	266.7	283.7	-1.9	2.56
Do Accum	421.8	448.7	-2.8	2.56
Do Income	62.1	66.1	-0.2	4.59
European	78.5	83.5	+0.3	1.58
Far Eastern	117.7	125.2	+1.6	0.71
Gilt Trust	69.3	73.3●	-0.6	8.03
O'seas Equity	86.6	92.1●	+3.9	1.35
Natural Res	71.7	76.3	+0.4	2.34
N American Trust	63.4	67.7	+0.6	1.49
UK Special Sits	64.2	68.3	-0.1	1.72
International Bond	47.7	50.7	+0.3	6.90
Japanese Tst	50.0	53.2	+0.3	0.93
Managed Tst	47.9	51.0	+0.1	2.94
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0444 459144				
Balanced	181.5	193.1●	+0.2	3.20
Do Accum	327.7	348.6●	+0.2	3.20
Contl Euro Gth Inc	50.0		..	..
Do Accum	50.0			
Energy Intl	54.4	57.8	+0.1	3.01
Do Accum	61.0	64.8	+0.1	3.01
Extra Income	158.7	168.8●	-0.1	5.34
Do Accum	291.1	309.6●	-0.1	5.34
German Gth Inc	77.0	81.9	-0.9	0.16
Do Accum	77.3	82.2	-0.9	0.16
Income	270.6	288.0	-0.5	4.70
Do Accum	544.0	578.7	-0.9	4.70
Intl Tech	194.0	206.3●	-0.5	0.25
Do Accum	203.0	215.9●	-0.4	0.25
Japan Growth	81.4	86.5	-1.0	0.02
Do Accum	81.5	86.7	-1.0	0.02
N Amer & Gen	105.7	112.4	+0.2	1.19
Do Accum	114.1	121.3	+0.1	1.19
Pacific Basin	142.6	151.7	-0.7	0.23
Do Accum	148.9	158.4	-0.7	0.23
Smaller Cos & Rec	194.0	206.3●	-0.5	2.03
Do Accum	219.1	233.0●	-0.6	2.03
Worldwide Growth	213.6	227.2●	-0.6	0.46
Do Accum	300.9	320.1●	-0.9	0.46
UK Growth Fund	48.2	51.2●	-0.1	2.03
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
General Trust	43.0	45.7●	+0.2	3.70
Income Trust	35.5	38.8	..	6.20
International Trust	38.2	40.8	-0.1	0.80
American	33.3	35.4●	..	2.00
Japan	47.1	50.0	-0.3	0.00
Trust of Inv	31.2	33.1	..	2.20
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	226.0	240.5	-0.8	1.36
Do Accum	265.8	280.4	-0.9	1.36
Amer Recovery	243.3	258.7●	-0.4	0.56
Do Accum	266.2	280.8●	-0.5	0.56
Am Smaller Co Acc	56.7	59.8	..	0.45
Australia Acc	122.2	130.7	+0.3	0.85
Commodity Acc	238.5	255.2	+0.8	3.02
Compound Growth	419.2	448.5	-2.6	3.12
Conversion Growth	335.0	358.5	-0.6	2.82
Do Inc	193.7	205.3	-0.6	5.78
Dividend Fund Inc	410.0	438.6●	-2.2	5.17
Do Accum	£12.27	13.07●	-0.06	5.17
European Acc	288.1	303.9	+1.3	1.05
Extra Yield Inc	231.8	244.6	-0.7	5.82
Do Accum	508.4	536.4	-1.6	5.82
Far Eastern Inc	162.9	171.9	+1.3	1.15
Do Accum	199.3	210.3	+1.6	1.15
Fund Of Inv Inc	268.7	272.8●	-0.2	2.93
Do Acc	410.1	432.7	-0.5	2.93
General Income	643.4	678.8	-3.3	3.85
Do Accum	£13.64	14.39	-0.07	3.85
Gilt & Fixed Int	55.0	57.7●	-0.5	10.16
Do Accum	86.4	90.7●	-0.8	10.16
Gold Income	47.0	49.6	+0.8	2.42
Do Accum	50.1	53.1	+0.8	2.42
High Income Inc	324.1	345.2c	-1.5	5.38
Do Accum	878.1	935.2	-3.8	5.38
Intl Growth Inc	791.2	834.7	-2.7	1.95
Do Accum	£12.73	13.43	-0.04	1.95
Intl Inc	61.8	65.2	-0.1	5.35
Japan Acc	853.8	900.8	-5.2	0.05
Japan Smaller Acc	87.2	92.4	-0.2	0.03
Midland & Gen Inc	578.4	608.1●	-1.9	4.21
Do Accum	£14.57	15.37●	-0.04	4.21
Recovery Fund Inc	368.7	395.3	-1.3	3.30
Do Accum	478.5	514.4	-1.7	3.30
Second Gen Inc	733.9	774.3c	-1.7	3.69
Do Accum	£14.48	15.28c	-0.03	3.69
Smaller Cos Inc	679.2	730.1	+0.5	2.76
Do Accum	£10.71	11.51	+0.00	2.76
Trustee Fund Inc	450.4	479.7●	-2.2	4.66
Charibond Inc (3)	101.4	●	..	11.72
Charifund Inc (2)	402.5	406.8c	+0.4	5.73
Pension Exempt (1)	477.8	497.0	..	4.30
NAACIF Inc (3)	37.0	●	..	8.49
Do Accum (3)	466.3	c	..	8.49
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Growth Gilt	59.4	60.3	-0.1	2.89
Smaller Co's	141.7	150.3	-0.2	1.39
UK Market Features	86.0	91.2	-0.3	1.72
Do Accum	90.0	95.5	-0.4	1.73
General Funds				
UK Growth	37.2	39.5●	..	2.22
Managed Inv	59.5	63.1	..	2.59
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	57.4	60.9	..	7.35
Gilt	24.2	25.5	..	8.54
Inc & Growth	204.6	217.1●	..	4.43
Nat High Inc	196.8	208.8	+0.2	5.39
Pref Shares	17.1	18.1●	-0.1	10.31
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	142.2	150.9●	-0.9	1.75
Financial Secs	47.5	50.4●	-0.2	1.13
Gold	59.3	63.6	+0.3	0.55
Do Accum	61.5	65.9	+0.3	0.55
Intl Leisure	15.3	16.2●	-0.1	0.00
Prop Shares	65.6	69.8	-0.3	0.52
Univ Energy	40.4	42.9	..	0.98
World Tech	42.7	45.3	-0.3	0.00
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	85.3	88.9●	-0.1	3.84
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	105.3	111.7	+0.5	1.57
Aust Growth	76.4	81.1	..	1.04
European Perf	93.7	98.4	-0.5	0.34
Do Accum	94.0	98.7	-0.5	0.34
Euro Smaller	17.4	18.5	-0.1	0.73
Far East	59.8	63.4	-0.2	0.09
Hong Kong	34.3	36.4	..	1.34
Intl Growth	38.7	41.1●	-0.1	1.15
Intl Recovery	109.5	116.2	-0.1	0.47
Japan Perf	77.7	82.4	-0.5	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	16.0	17.0	..	0.00
US Small Co	68.2	72.4●	+0.2	0.00
Do Accum	69.0	73.2●	+0.2	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl High Inc	57.0	60.5●	+0.2	4.95
US Income	60.1	63.8	+0.2	4.10
Do Accum	65.2	69.2	+0.2	4.10
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	67.7	69.4	-0.1	10.13
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
MLA American	24.5	25.9	..	0.96
MLA General	33.2	35.1●	..	2.13
MLA International	59.2	62.7	+0.1	0.84
MLA Gilt Unit	21.4	22.6●	..	11.50
MLA Income	41.7	44.2●	..	5.09
MLA European	32.2	34.1	+0.1	0.73
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts 0438 356101				
Growth Units	75.8	80.5	..	3.00
Gilt & Fixed Int	103.3	108.8	..	7.78
High Income Units	115.5	122.7	..	4.58
High Yield Gilt Unt	56.7	58.7	..	8.17
Intl Growth Units	142.8	151.8	..	0.35
N American Units	74.5	79.2	..	0.76
Far East Units	95.0	101.0	..	0.07
Smaller Cos Fund	73.1	77.7	..	2.01
MENCAP UNIT TRUST Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7 01-234 5544				
Mencap	135.2	143.0●	..	4.89
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St. EC4R 9AS 01-280 2860				
Amer Growth	96.5	102.1●	+0.4	1.54
Do Accum	100.7	106.5●	+0.4	1.54
Amer Income	51.8	54.8	-0.1	4.10
Do Accum	55.3	58.5	-0.1	4.10
European Growth	143.7	152.0	..	0.99
Do Accum	148.8	157.4	..	0.99
General	247.8	262.2	+1.3	1.95
Do Accum	406.9	430.5	+2.2	1.95
Gilt & Fixed	78.5	78.8●	-0.1	8.37
Do Accum	91.4	91.8●	-0.2	8.37
Income	89.4	90.3	+0.3	4.94
Do Accum	96.2	101.7	+0.3	4.94
International	268.1	283.7	-0.8	1.79
Do Accum	332.8	351.9	-0.9	1.79
Japan	183.9	194.5	-0.9	0.00
Do Accum	188.2	199.1	-0.8	0.00
Recovery	202.5	214.2●	+0.4	2.47
Do Accum	218.3	231.0●	+0.4	2.47
Exempt Dist	234.4	240.4	+1.2	2.70
Exempt Accum	364.9	374.2	+1.7	2.70
Euro Inc Fund Inc	82.5	87.2	+0.3	3.44
Do Accum	83.9	88.7	+0.3	3.44
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 769842				
Capital Income	77.7	82.4	..	2.56
Do Accum	105.6	112.2	+0.1	2.56
Commodity & Gen	128.5	136.3●	+1.1	2.71
Do Accum	182.9	194.0●	+1.6	2.71
Extra High Inc	58.6	62.1	+0.1	8.02
Do Accum	69.3	73.5	+0.1	8.02
Gilt & Fixed Inc	48.9	51.0●	+0.2	9.94
Do Accum	82.6	86.2●	+0.3	9.94
High Yield	155.7	165.1●	+0.7	5.73
Do Accum	270.5	286.7●	+0.7	5.73
Income	174.1	184.7	+0.3	3.82
Do Accum	288.5	306.0	+0.5	3.82
Japan & Pacific	297.3	315.4	-1.8	0.08
Do Accum	311.8	330.8	-1.7	0.08
N American Inc	116.7	123.8●	+0.4	1.17
Do Accum	140.3	148.9●	+0.4	1.17
Euro Gth Inc	136.9	145.2●	..	1.35
Do Accum	164.8	174.8●	..	1.38
Managed Portfolio	53.4	56.5	+0.1	3.57
Smaller Cos Inc	119.5	126.7	-0.3	2.19
Do Accum	127.3	135.3	-0.3	2.19

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MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 5252				
American	123.4	131.7	+0.2	2.85
European	274.6	293.1	-1.5	1.16
Smaller Cos	221.2	236.1●	+0.1	0.93
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	199.6	212.4●	-0.6	3.30
Do Accum	325.9	346.8●	-1.0	3.30
NPI Overseas	631.1	671.4	+9.1	1.10
Do Accum	772.7	822.1	+11.1	1.10
Far East Acc	94.0	100.0	+1.5	0.60
American Acc	62.5	66.6●	+0.5	1.40
European Acc	59.6	63.5	+0.9	0.80
Worldwide Acc	54.8	58.3	+0.3	1.10
NORWICH UT MANAGERS PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Group Trust	£12.20	12.84	-0.01	3.67
Intl Trust	141.8	149.3●	-0.1	1.21
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	151.5	161.3	..	0.35
Income & Growth	58.6	62.4	..	3.68
Worldwide Rec	93.5	99.6c	..	0.65
American Growth	33.1	35.3	..	..
Japan Growth	55.8	59.2●	..	0.00
European Growth	75.7	80.6	..	0.03
UK Growth	53.4	56.9●	..	1.63
Pacific Growth	47.5	50.5●	..	..
High Income	34.4	36.6	..	7.36
Practical Income	60.6	64.5	..	1.89
Do Accum	111.2	118.4	..	1.89
PEARL TRUST 252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	91.5	97.3	-0.1	2.40
Do Accum	137.3	146.1	-0.2	2.40
Income Fund	123.0	130.8	..	3.78
Intl Equity Inc	140.9	149.9	-0.1	1.36
Do Accum	142.1	151.2	-0.1	1.36
Unit Trust Inc	129.2	137.4●	-0.1	2.87
Do Accum	226.0	240.4●	-0.2	2.87
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	282.3	301.3	+0.3	0.74
Income	191.9	204.4	+0.6	4.85
Worldwide Rec	155.7	166.2	-1.6	1.37
Amer Growth	68.4	73.1	-0.7	0.80
Intl Emerg Co's	81.4	87.0	-0.7	0.56
Far East Grwth	82.2	87.8●	..	0.67
European Gth	81.8	86.0●	-0.8	1.27
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	124.7	132.7	+0.1	0.94
High Income	61.7	65.1●	+0.2	4.24
Conv & Gilt	97.4	103.7●	+0.2	6.65
Far Eastern	181.4	194.4	-0.6	0.02
North American	129.2	138.2	-0.1	0.07
Special Sits	70.3	75.2●	+0.1	1.72
Technology	115.8	123.9●	-0.7	0.00
Extra Income	89.6	95.9	+0.1	4.59
Euro Gth & Inc	47.4	50.5	-0.1	3.21
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL 01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	401.4	424.7	+0.2	3.11
European	111.7	118.1●	-0.5	0.52
Holborn Comms	52.8	55.7	..	0.87
Holborn High Inc	64.9	68.6c	-0.1	6.32
Holborn Intl	105.0	111.1	-0.2	0.76
Japanese	103.3	109.3	-1.0	0.05
N American	76.4	80.8●	..	0.80
Holborn Spec Sits	65.0	68.8●	-0.4	1.97
Holborn UK Growth	81.1	85.8	..	2.04
Holborn Gilt Trust	177.1	184.5	+4.5	2.55
Holborn Smlr Cos	49.7	52.5	..	2.19
Holborn Eqty Inc	..	..	..	..
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY 31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH 01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	444.2	470.1	..	2.79
Quadrant Income	246.4	260.8	..	5.33
Quadrant Intl Fd	421.0	445.8	..	1.56
Quadrant Recovery	274.2	290.2	..	2.41
NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456				
NC Income	87.8	93.4●	-0.1	4.02
NC Japan	190.5	202.6	+0.3	0.01
NC Mayor UK Co	51.3	54.5●	..	1.92
NC Smaller Aus	64.8	68.9	-0.8	1.36
NC American Inc	281.9	299.8	+0.8	1.18
Do Accum	307.7	327.3	+0.8	1.18
NC Smaller Cos	143.1	152.2	-0.5	1.83
NC Smlr Europ Co's	200.8	213.3●	-0.9	0.53
NC Exempt Gilt	£116.0	121.0●	..	9.44
ROWAN UNIT TRUST 33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS 01-606 5676				
American (4)	233.5	237.5	..	1.88
Securities (2)	712.5	727.5	+0.5	2.35
High Yield (5)	173.0	178.5●	..	6.96
Merlin (3)	429.0	437.0	..	2.15
Fixed Interest	154.5	155.5	..	2.85
High Interest	110.5	111.5	..	13.72
Far East (2)	234.5	238.0	-2.0	0.05
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	60.9	64.4●	..	2.80
Intl Trust	78.0	83.5	..	1.36
Gilt Trust	23.5	24.7●	..	9.31
US Trust	34.5	36.5	..	1.65
Pacific Basin Tst	45.0	48.6●	..	0.39
20 Clifton St, London EC2 01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	114.4	121.1●	-0.1	1.64
Do Accum	161.5	171.1●	..	1.64
High Income Trust	90.0	95.3	..	4.44
Do Accum	106.9	113.2	..	4.44
US Growth	58.4	61.8	..	0.93
Do Accum	59.6	63.1	..	0.93
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 576115				
American Growth	85.0	90.5	..	0.82
Gilt Income	51.3	54.1	-0.1	9.55
High Income	79.4	84.5●	-0.2	4.88
Income & Growth	98.1	104.4●	-0.1	4.26
Japan Growth	92.5	98.4	-0.7	0.03
Special Sits	112.8	120.0	..	1.26
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB (Romford) 0708-66966				
Amer Inc & Growth	68.9	73.2●	..	7.03
Capital Units	106.4	113.1	-0.3	1.21
Commodity	56.9	60.5	-0.1	0.78
European Growth	122.3	130.1●	-0.1	0.59
Financial Secs	97.8	104.0●	-0.4	1.95
High Return Units	185.4	198.2	-0.8	4.99
High Yield Units	165.9	176.4	-0.7	4.97
Income Units	94.8	100.6	+0.1	5.86
Investment Trust	92.5	98.4	-0.2	2.85
Japan Growth	100.2	106.5	-0.7	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	120.9	128.6	-0.4	0.00
Masterfund	30.6	32.5	..	2.80
Scotbits	132.8	141.2	-0.7	2.49
Scotshares	148.6	158.0●	+0.2	4.22
Scotyields	155.0	164.8	-0.7	4.54
Select International	82.8	88.0	-0.2	1.11
Smaller Co's Inc	160.3	170.5	-0.7	4.42
Special Situations	97.6	103.8	-0.1	1.72
UK Equity	180.2	191.7	-0.7	2.90
US Growth	75.4	80.2	+0.1	1.26
Universal Growth	92.6	98.5	-0.1	1.13
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Acc	137.0	145.7●	+0.8	0.78
Australia Acc	79.7	85.2	-0.2	1.16
European Inc	132.5	140.9	+0.2	0.69
Do Accum	136.7	145.4	+0.2	0.69
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.1	53.9	+0.1	9.11
Gold Fund Inc	40.6	43.4	+0.1	1.73
Do Accum	43.0	45.7	..	1.73
Income	178.3	189.5●	+0.1	5.10
Intl Income	121.9	129.6●	+0.1	0.28
Do Accum	168.5	179.2●	+0.1	0.28
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	135.3	143.9	..	0.00
Sing & Malay Acc	69.1	73.5●	+1.2	0.78
Smaller Co Inc Acc	136.8	145.5●	-2.1	1.16
Special Sits Inc	106.0	112.7	+2.7	0.98
Do Accum	110.7	117.7	+2.8	0.86
Tokyo Fund Inc	229.4	244.0	-1.8	0.00
Do Accum	231.7	246.4	-1.8	0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac	52.1	55.4●	+0.1	0.00
UK Equity Inc	103.8	110.4	+0.4	3.28
Do Accum	161.2	171.4	+0.8	3.28
Far East Gth Accum	62.5	66.4	-0.3	0.50
Extra Inc	82.3	88.2	..	7.49
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT 33-36 Gracechurch St London EC3V 0AX 01-623 5776/8711				
UK Equity Inc	25.0	26.3	..	4.91
Do Acc	25.3	26.6	..	4.91
Euro Tst Inc	29.1	31.0●	-0.2	0.30
Do Acc	29.3	31.2●	..	0.30
Global Gth Inc	29.0	30.8●	..	0.65
Do Acc	29.0	30.8●	..	0.65
Managed Exempt	119.2	124.2	..	3.15
Pacific Basin	23.5	25.0	+0.1	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	155.2	165.1●	+2.3	2.65
Do Accum	234.2	249.2●	+3.7	2.65
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	179.2	191.7	+0.2	1.83
American	151.4	162.0	..	1.27
Pacific	200.4	214.4	-1.2	0.05
European	268.4	285.0	-0.5	0.51
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	168.4	179.2	..	2.99
Gilt & Fixed	108.7	113.8	..	9.22
UK Smlr Co's Eq	151.3	161.0	-0.1	2.23
European	223.1	237.4●	-1.1	0.96
N American	119.0	126.6	+0.3	1.53
Pacific	192.8	205.2	-0.7	0.42
SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST 29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 4372				
Pacific	69.8	74.2	-0.2	0.00
World Growth	39.5	42.0●	-0.1	0.75
N American	33.1	35.2	-0.1	0.00
Income Fund	45.4	48.3●	-0.1	4.84
European	48.8	51.9	-0.1	0.77
N Amer Inc	27.9	29.7●	..	1.78
UK Growth	30.8	32.7●	..	2.05
Extra Inc	32.3	34.3●	..	5.73
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Peg Eq Inc	230.3	245.1	-1.3	3.04
Do Accum	269.1	286.4	-1.5	3.04
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT 30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	103.5	110.2	+1.2	0.54
Pacific	211.3	225.0	+2.0	0.00
Sec Income Fnd	170.4	181.5	-1.5	4.54
Special Situations	219.7	234.0●	..	1.49
Intl Growth	43.4	46.2	..	0.16
American Majors	72.1	76.8●	+0.9	1.29
Small Co's	42.1	44.8	..	1.67
Japan Tech & Gen	110.4	117.6	-0.6	0.00
International Income	57.6	61.3●	+0.6	5.63
Exempt	582.9	609.5	+0.3	2.25
UK General	34.6	36.9●	..	3.63
Euro Growth	42.0	44.7	+0.1	0.32
Euro Income	47.9	51.9●	..	4.00
STANDARD LIFE 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Income Units	24.6	26.2	-0.1	2.68
Do Accum Units	27.6	29.4	-0.2	2.68
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 3271				
American Fund	220.2	234.5●	..	1.75
Do Accum	248.8	265.0●	..	1.75
Do Withdrawal	151.2	161.0●	..	1.75
Australian Fund	133.3	142.0	+0.1	0.90
Do Accum	135.5	144.4	+0.1	0.90
British Fund	591.4	629.9	-1.0	4.40
Do Accum	810.8	863.6	-1.3	4.39
European Fund	337.0	359.0●	-2.1	0.54
Do Accum	355.5	378.7●	-2.2	0.54
Japan Fund	65.1	69.3	-0.1	0.21
Do Accum	65.4	69.6	-0.1	0.21
Swiss PPP	176.6	183.9	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 56253				
Equity Trust Acc	389.6	412.2	+0.2	2.60
N Am Trust Acc	62.2	66.1	+0.7	1.45
Far East Trust Acc	90.6	96.3	-0.3	0.10
Worldwide Bond	52.3	55.6	+0.1	6.53
European	56.6	60.4	..	1.92
Equity Inc Tst	47.1	50.0	..	6.27
SUN LIFE OF CANADA 2,3,4, Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH Dealing no:01-930 2602				
UK Income	25.1	26.6	..	4.67
Do Growth	23.9	25.4	..	3.00
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	117.6	125.2	+0.3	1.57
Do Accum	123.6	131.5	+0.3	1.57
Extra Income Inc	116.8	124.3	-0.4	5.34
Do Accum	139.9	148.9	-0.6	5.34
General Unit Inc	158.7	168.9	-0.7	2.87
Do Accum	261.4	278.1	-1.1	2.87
Gilt & Fixed Inc	44.7	46.6●	-0.4	9.88
Do Accum	60.2	62.8●	-0.6	9.89
Income	216.6	230.7●	-0.6	4.57
Accum	343.9	365.9●	-1.1	4.57
Pacific Inc	183.6	195.6	+2.5	0.61
Do Accum	189.7	201.9	+2.5	0.61
Intl Inc	340.9	362.6●	+2.8	1.10
Do Accum	424.0	451.0●	+3.5	1.10
Selected Opps Inc	66.0	70.3	-0.1	1.65
Do Accum	73.0	77.7	-0.1	1.65
Natural Res	55.1	58.7●	+0.3	1.57
Do Accum	57.2	60.9●	+0.3	1.57
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks (0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	74.0	78.5●	+0.4	0.09
Australian	21.8	23.1	..	0.10
Commodity	64.5	68.7●	-0.6	1.00
Energy	29.0	31.0	..	1.91
Equity	128.7	136.9c	-0.1	3.59
European Spec Sits	120.3	127.8	+0.1	0.64
Extra Income	116.2	123.4	-0.5	5.77
Financial	269.3	285.9	-0.7	1.64
Gilt Income	92.4	97.2●	-0.2	8.92
Gold Income	73.1	77.8●	..	0.64
Do Accum	134.2	142.7●	..	0.64
Income	86.3	91.7●	-0.1	4.35
Japan	101.2	107.6	-0.4	0.15
Malay & Singapore	24.9	26.8	..	0.92
Pacific Inc	112.1	119.1	..	0.89
Do Reinvest	137.8	146.5	..	0.89
Pref Share Fd	17.2	18.3●	..	9.87
UK Capital	72.0	76.6	+0.1	1.33
Special Sits	85.4	91.0	-0.4	0.69
Technology	45.7	48.6	+0.5	0.10
World Income	63.8	67.8●	..	4.18
Worldwide Capital	147.8	157.2	-0.3	1.14
Equity Ex (3)	88.5	94.0●	+2.3	1.97
Do Accum (3)	168.7	177.5●	+4.5	1.97
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ 01-374 4595				
Far East & Gen	66.2	70.6	+0.1	0.70
Japan & Gen	52.4	56.0	-0.2	0.90
Nth Amer & Gen	50.0	53.4	-0.2	0.94
Oriental Inc				
Pacific Tech	53.1	56.6	-0.2	0.87
Tiger	72.2	77.2	+0.3	0.64
UK & Gen	41.3	44.1	..	2.28
Oriental Acc	23.8	25.3	..	2.97
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01 928-3356				
Smaller Co's	65.6	69.7	-0.5	0.00
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Growth	41.5	44.1	-0.1	0.50
General Growth	51.5	55.1	..	2.61
Global Tech	45.9	49.1●	-0.1	0.10
Income Growth	61.6	65.5	..	4.64
Income Monthly	47.1	50.4●	-0.1	8.45
Japan Growth	48.6	52.0●	-0.7	0.12
Man Equity Inc	24.4	26.0	..	2.36
Do Accum	24.4	26.0	..	2.36
O'seas Growth	51.8	55.4●	-0.1	0.79
Smaller Cos	63.8	67.9	-0.1	2.20
Special Opps	76.3	81.6	..	1.70
TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6454				
Australian	65.3	69.8●	-0.3	1.25
Capital	320.5	339.8●	+0.2	3.08
Europe Growth Acc	120.9	128.8	-0.6	0.94
Exempt	294.5	312.0●	+0.4	5.41
Far Eastern	189.7	202.9	-0.3	0.29
Fin. & Prop	57.1	60.5	-0.2	2.89
Gilt Capital	111.7	115.0	-0.1	7.17
Gilt Income	95.6	98.5c	+0.4	10.93
High Yield	55.0	58.3●	-0.1	5.88
Income	239.4	253.5c	+0.2	4.81
Intl Earnings	161.4	171.0	+0.1	2.68
Intl Growth Inc	84.5	90.0	-0.2	0.80
Japan Growth Acc	755.0	795.8c	+0.5	4.81
Nat Resources Inc	200.9	214.0	-0.3	1.57
Nth Amer Gth Inc	118.6	124.7	..	0.65
Preference Inc	112.6	118.3●	-0.2	10.76
Small Co's Div Inc	60.6	64.2	-0.3	5.75
Small Co's Inc	202.3	214.3	..	1.92
	106.6	112.9●		
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2468				
Growth Inc	188.0	200.0	+1.5	2.50
Do Accum	276.5	294.2	-2.4	2.50
High Yield	208.7	222.1	-2.0	5.00
Do Accum	213.4	227.1	-2.0	5.00
Special Sits	41.1	43.7	-0.5	2.71
Do Accum	41.4	44.0●	-0.5	2.71
Trustee	139.1	148.0	-1.5	4.20
Do Accum	213.1	226.8	-2.3	4.20
Amer & Gen	63.6	67.7	..	1.84
Do Accum	63.8	67.9	..	1.84
Master Portfolio	£63.05	64.65●	-0.17	2.45
Do Accum	£63.58	65.22	-0.18	2.45
Abing Rdfo Asts (5)	124.0	132.0	..	2.19
Do Accum	124.9	132.9	..	2.19
Far East & Gen Inc	56.4	60.1	-0.4	0.00
Do Accum	56.4	60.1	-0.4	0.00
Euro Fund Inc	50.6	53.9	..	0.73
Do Acc	50.6	53.9	..	0.73
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2 01-929 1532				
American Trust	67.7	72.4	..	1.69
Far East & Gen	117.9	124.8	-0.3	0.50
Intl Growth	76.9	81.4	-0.7	0.50
Income Trust	84.9	90.8●	+0.3	5.20
Japan Growth	131.9	141.1●	-1.1	0.10
Small Companies	111.4	119.2	+1.2	2.00
Technology	37.7	40.3●	+0.8	0.10
Australia	47.8	51.2	..	1.40
UK Trust	135.1	143.6●	+0.2	2.50
European Growth	61.2	64.8	+0.1	0.20
Hong Kong	31.2	33.0	+0.1	1.40
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh 031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	28.0	29.7	+0.5	0.15
Pacific Basin	21.5	22.8●	..	0.20
Canadian Bal Gth	59.3	62.0●	+1.0	0.00
Ginnie Mae Fnd	103.3	107.6●	-1.2	6.60
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	68.6	69.7	..	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	$51.7	52.0		
Challenger	49.7	50.1	-0.1	2.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	49.2	52.4●	..	7.50
Income	56.0	59.6	..	4.92
Growth	54.4	57.9	+0.2	2.13

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● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14½	8½	A & M Gp	10½	11½	..	0.6e	5.5	15.7
65	45	ATA Selection	50	54	●-4	2.1	4.0	13.9
136	98	Abbeycrest	130	134	●..	3.6	2.7	18.8
64	33	Aberdeen Stk Hse	47	52	-1	1.7e	3.4	14.0
143	45	Access Satellite	..	..	..	4.6	..	..
62	34	Acorn Comp	39	41	-1	..	..	2.8
19	8½	Acsis Jewellery	17	19	-1	..	..	9.6
22	14	Adam Leisure	14	16	..	..	..	1.9
195	90	Airspring	87	92	..	7.7	8.6	..
252	121	Anglia Secure Hms	246	251	+7	2.3	0.9	34.5
121	58	Antler	108	112	..	..	..	..
185	8½	Applied Holographics	149	153	..	2.9	1.9	14.5
368	210	Arg Holographics	343	347	+2	..	..	..
185	150	Do Wrnts	300	310	..	..	..	..
355	220	Aspen Comms	313	318	+1	4.4	1.4	32.9
189	102	Aspinall	104	107	..	8.6	8.1	5.7
620	27	Asprey	530	560	-10	14.3	2.6	15.6
40	27	Assoc Energy	28	31	-1	..	..	7.4
233	155	ASD	165	175	..	11.4	6.7	7.3
148	122	Atlas Equipment	140	145	-2	7.0	4.9	13.0
95	61	Automagic	85	90	..	8.6	9.6	15.5
70	65	BBB Design	63	66	..	1.4	2.2	15.6
44½	43½	BCE	43	44½	..	..	..	..
226	185	BPP	195	205	..	7.1	3.6	18.3
85	70	BTS Gp	73	76	-1	5.7	7.6	8.9
120	58	Bedford (William)	110	115	-2	6.4	5.7	10.5
28	16½	Bennett & Fountain	23	24	●-½	0.7	3.0	19.7
53	37	Bensons Crisps	43	48	-2	..	..	12.9
17½	9	Berkeley & Hay	15½	16½	+½	..	..	28.4
88	26	Berkeley Exp	61	64	..	..	..	8.8
123	122	Berry,Birch & Noble	120	123	-1	6.0	4.9	14.2
156	143	Bilston&Battersea	140	145	..	5.3	3.7	17.7
24	10	Bio Isolates	15	17	..	..	..	..
34	18	Biomechanics	29	31	-1	..	..	..
44	39	Bipel	39½	40½	..	1.8	4.5	10.0
133	98	Blanchards	110	114	●-2	6.4	5.7	12.2
141	136	Blenheim Exhib	138	143	+1	3.0	2.1	21.7
271	165	Bluebird Toys	263	268	+2	5.0	1.9	20.8
160	133	Borland	138	141	..	..	..	..
27	18	Brewmaker	20	22	●+1	1.1	5.2	11.1
195	70	Bricot	73	78	+4	6.0	7.9	6.2
200	1	Brnt	1	..	..	5.4	..	0.1
250	150	Br Bloodstock	170	180	+2	12.6	7.2	8.3
59	48	Br Island	51	54	..	4.0	7.5	9.6
59	42	Broad St	45	48	-1	1.6	3.4	..
358	180	Brookmount	330	350	-5	5.0	1.5	18.5
188	58	Brown (Charles)	184	189	●-1	4.3	2.3	21.4
345	195	Bryant (Derek)	220	230	+1	11.6b	5.2	8.0
3½	2	Bula Resources	2½	3¼	+¼	..	..	..
103	73	CCA Galleries	85	90	..	3.4	3.9	13.1
180	130	CML Micro	160	170	..	2.6	1.6	16.9
36	5½	CPS Comp	5¼	6½	..	1.4	22.4	3.3
42	25	CPU Comp	28	30	..	..	..	17.4
175	130	CVD	163	167	●	..	..	..
210	85	Caledonian Off	140	150	..	..	..	..
69	62	Camotech	63	66	..	2.9	4.5	13.3
183	88	Cannon Street Inv	179	182	..	3.6	2.0	28.9
141	74	Chancery Secs	128	131	-4	3.1	2.4	15.7
205	83	Checkpoint Europe	160	170	-5	..	..	14.5
161	125	Chelsea Man	132	137	..	2.3	1.6	25.5
13	8½	Chem Methods	9	10½	..	3.0	30.0	..
253	158	Cheshire W	245	250	●+5	5.2	2.1	26.4
21½	8½	Cifer	16½	17½	+2	..	..	2.5
85	86	Citygrove	95	100	..	3.5e	3.7	14.9
45	25	Citywest	38	42	..	..	..	..
800	475	Citymain 7%	765	815	..	..	..	..
115	67	Cityprint	85	90	..	1.8	2.0	10.1
173	146	Clarke Hooper	147	152	..	3.3	2.2	20.3
32	14	Clogau Gold	29½	31½	-2	..	..	..
57	20	Cliff Oil Hldgs	53	58	-2	..	..	..
120	87	Coated Electrodes	112	117	-3	5.6	4.9	13.4
58	21	Cobra Emerald	58	65	..	..	..	..
143	21	Collins	138	143	-2	3.3	2.8	15.4
133	21	Colorgen Inc	23	26	-4	..	..	..
175	123	Comp Financial	157	162	●+2	3.3	2.1	28.4
53	30	Compsoft	42	47	..	..	..	7.5
150	84	Consultants	146	150	+2	1.8	1.2	26.8
58	38	Cons Tech Invs	38	42	..	7.1e	17.8	28.8
320	143	Conif Microwave	155	165	s-5	3.2	2.0	18.8
115	90	Cowells	100	105	●..	3.7	3.6	14.3
133	93	CPM	95	100	..	2.5	2.6	14.5
430	308	Crampton	390	410	●..	8.5	2.2	17.7
75	48	Cranbrook	50	55	-2	0.7e	1.3	14.0
114	96	Crawick	95	100	-5	6.4	6.5	8.5
113	75	Croton Lodge	85	90	+2	2.8	3.2	18.9
198	155	Creighton Labs	150	160	-18	5.3	3.4	18.9
92	68	Crown TV Prods	70	73	-3	..	..	..
157	78	Crusts	140	143	●-6	1.5	1.1	15.8
73	43	DBE Tech	43	48	-4	..	..	42.6
140	83	DJ Sec Alarms	93	95	-2	2.1	2.2	7.8
85	63	Datron	63½	68½	●+3	1.4	2.1	11.6
218	190	Davies (DY)	195	198	-1	4.9	2.5	22.0
84	55	Dean & Bowes	76	79	-1	2.9	3.7	19.0
24	21	De Brant (Andre)	24	25	..	0.4	1.6	12.3
168	131	Deborn	163	168	-1	5.7	3.5	..
57	40	Delmar	46	48	+1	2.9	6.2	9.3
138	108	Dencora	113	118	+1	2.9	2.5	18.0
135	70	Dennings Elec	85	95	..	5.4	6.0	6.8
135	68	Dewey Warren	68	70	-2	10.7e	15.5	4.7
285	175	Dialene	275	285	..	4.3	2.5	15.3
478	375	Druck	465	480	-5	6.3	1.3	22.6
19½	18	Dunton	18	19	..	0.6	3.2	21.5
58	39	Eadie	44	47	-1	2.5	5.4	14.2
148	104	Ealing Elect Optics	123	128	..	3.1	2.5	21.9
37	11	Ecobric	19	20½	..	0.4e	2.0	14.9
325	238	Edin Fund	265	270	..	9.3	3.5	18.0
41	22	Edin Oil & Gas	23	31	..	..	..	11.2
431	322	Eldridge Pope 'A'	422	432	..	9.8	2.2	18.8
146	108	Electron House	117	122	●..	2.7	2.3	15.2
100	72	Electronic Data P	90	94	..	2.3	2.5	13.5
45	24	Ennex	41	43	..	..	..	..
18	6	Entertainment Prod	9	11	..	..	..	..
215	122	Equipu	165	175	+1	1.4	14.0	4.5
115	103	Eve Construction	112	117	-5	7.1	4.2	14.2
400	138	FR	385	405	+20	6.4	5.6	13.0
380	151	FKB Gp	238	243	-2	3.6	1.5	25.8
181	138	F & H Group	135	140	-3	..	..	..
90	51	Feedback	67	72	+4	3.9	5.6	25.2

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73½	17	Fergebrook	16	17½	-½	..	..	1.4
133	93	Fields (Mbs)	123	126	-2	..	..	..
73	53	Fincher Dannys	50	55	..	3.6	6.8	12.3
85	31	Firstech	45	50	..	..	..	8.5
303	180	Flogas	300	305	+9	25.6	8.5	..
70	30	Floyd Oil	36	40	-3	..	..	15.9
80	80	Ford & Weston	76	81	-3	4.3	5.4	9.8
240	130	French Conn	165	175	●-3	7.5	4.4	11.1
136	65	Freshbake	120	123	-2	2.9	2.4	20.4
382	210	Fuller Smith 'A'	348	358	..	5.9	1.7	18.3
121	58	Gaskeal	110	115	-5	4.3	3.8	13.3
150	94	Gee (Cecil)	80	85	-2	3.7	4.5	..
47	35	Geofisica	38	40	-2	2.4	6.3	11.5
97	72	Gibbon Lyons	82	87	●+4	5.2	5.5	18.4
248	100	Gibbs Mew	242	252	..	5.1	2.1	27.1
100	11	Gilbert House	89	95	..	..	..	..
80	32	Global Gp	45	48	+1	3.9	8.1	7.6
186	87	Godwin Warren	87	92	..	3.1	3.4	12.8
155	88	Goodhead Print	148	153	..	4.3	2.8	18.9
139	95	Gould (Laurence)	110	115	..	5.3	4.7	9.1
81	58	Granyte Surface	65	70	●..	3.0	4.4	11.9
187	155	Great Southern	160	163	-3	7.4	4.6	13.8
175	118	Green (Ernest)	170	175	-2	4.9	2.8	16.5
41	19	Greenwich Cable	35	38	-1	..	..	..
135	81½	Grosvenor Sq	127	132	+12	8.6	6.6	10.4
190	160	Guernsey Atlantic	185	185	..	3.5	1.8	65.9
189	80	Halls Homes & Gdns	108	109	..	4.0	3.7	11.9
98	58	Hampden Homecare	82	87	+2	2.1	2.5	13.7
320	133	Harvey & Thomp	315	325	+8	8.6	2.7	21.1
286	186	Havelock Europa	260	265	..	5.7	2.2	24.8
47	26	Health Care	45	47	..	1.1	2.4	18.3
462	383½	Hewatrust	457	467	..	12.3	2.7	18.1
411	253½	Do 'A' LV	397	407	..	12.3	3.1	15.8
150	143½	Henderson Prima	140	150	..	..	..	..
415	158	High-Point	155	165	..	2.5	1.6	19.8
205	45	Highland Part	62	65	..	..	..	..
91	71	Hills Ergonom	70	75	..	2.0	2.7	11.7
42½	7	Hobson	40½	42	●+½	..	..	..
140	105	Hodgson	137	140	..	3.0	2.2	23.2
196	105	Holmes Hydromax	193	203	+5	4.8	2.3	25.4
158	110	Holmes Protection	120	123	●..	..	..	..
85	22	Hughes Food	31½	32½	-1	0.7	2.2	23.0
14	8½	Humbrol Elec	6	7½	-½	0.4	5.7	7.0
189	115	Hunter Saphir	178	183	-5	3.6	2.0	23.8
255	188	Hunslet Tech	177	187	●..	2.1	1.2	22.0
230	152	INSTEM	147	157	-6	3.6	2.4	13.0
31	11	Intec	15	18	-4	3.0	17.6	2.1
115	44	Intl Scot Energy	82	87	..	..	..	10.2
103	66	Intrafied	[illegible]	[illegible]	+4	..	..	..
353	190	Intereurope Tech	250	265	●-22	8.3	3.2	12.9
210	204	Interlink Express	202	205	-3	..	..	..
32	21	Israel (Jack L)	23½	24½	..	0.7	2.9	18.6
433	233	JS Pathology	400	410	+5	4.0	1.0	37.1
180	116	Jacques Vert	182	187	-6	7.9	4.8	14.8
28	2	Jebsens	..	..	..	..	..	..
146	103	Johnson & Jorg	113	118	●-2	6.0	5.2	13.2
128	73	Johnstones Paints	100	105	●-2	6.1b	5.9	11.4
73	48	Just Rubber	70	73	●-1	2.8	3.8	11.9
330	253	KLP	265	275	..	4.7	1.7	15.2
92	67	Kent (John)	78	81	●+1	2.1	2.6	32.5
330	220	Kenyon Secs	315	325	-5	14.9	4.7	15.5
80	53	Kewill Systems	58	63	..	1.7	2.8	9.0
86	26	Klark-Teknik	55	60	●-3	1.6	2.8	14.8
113	67	LPA Ind	85	90	..	3.9	4.4	8.7
78	37	Laidlaw	75	80	..	4.1	5.3	9.7
125	70	Laidlaw Thomson	105	110	●-2	5.6	5.2	13.0
61½	32	Leisure Inv	58	59½	-1	5.1	8.6	12.9
115	51	Lewmar	95	100	-2	3.6	3.7	12.1
285	7½	Local Lon Gp	278	288	..	3.7	1.8	31.8
37	27	Lodge Care	32	33	+1	1.8	3.0	20.2
98	73	Low & Clydesdale	95	100	..	8.0	7.0	10.4
195	133	Lorin Elect	163	168	●..	3.6b	2.2	14.5
62	17	Lyndor Pet	38	41	..	..	..	..
162	77	M6 Cash & Carry	105	110	+5	5.1	4.7	..
327	160	MMT Comp	310	323	-1	7.1	2.2	14.2
180	101	McLaughlin & Har	110	120	..	10.0	8.7	6.6
125	45	Magnetic Materials	70	74	..	2.7	3.8	10.1
130	54	Mansmat	115	120	●..	1.4	1.2	37.0
120	62	Marina Dev	80	85	●+2	..	..	..
179	92	Martin (Ronald)	155	160	●-2	4.7	3.0	21.3
35	9	Masterpiece	15	18	..	..	..	..
151	101	Mayfair City	112	117	+2	4.3	3.7	24.4
308	165	Meadow Farm	277	287	..	5.4	1.8	25.8
220	14	Media Tech	110	115	●-5	4.0	3.5	8.7
98	75	Mellerware	80	83	●..	4.4	5.4	19.2
22	9	Memory Comp	17	19	-1	..	..	3.0
18	11	Menicom Intl Hldgs	15	20	..	5.0	27.8	1.2
183	135	Meridian-Swain	170	175	..	3.6	2.1	18.4
385	311	Merrydown Wine	355	365	..	7.8	2.2	21.9
132	95	Metal Bulletin	115	125	..	6.3	5.3	16.9
102	71	Metsec	75	80	..	3.7	4.7	11.4
98	59	Michael (John)	65	70	-3	1.7	2.5	16.5
780	380	Microfilm	590	610	●-10	4.3	0.7	41.4
155	95	Microlease	130	135	+5	5.7	4.3	10.9
47	22	Micronetec	32	34	..	1.8	5.5	14.5
455	331	Midsummer Inns	430	440	+3	3.6	0.8	32.3
185	162	Miller & Santhouse	170	175	..	3.2	1.9	32.3
183	160	Millward Brown	157	162	..	3.2	2.0	34.9
220	130	Miss World	175	185	..	7.9	4.4	9.5
47	13	Mnemos	..	..	..	..	..	..
238	181	Moorgate Gp	98	103	..	2.0	2.0	18.7
128	83	Monks & Crane	126	130	+2	3.9	3.0	16.0
158	118	Monotype	131	134	●..	6.3	4.7	..
57	25	Morley (Ra)	51	54	..	2.5	4.7	14.7
23½	15	Morris (Williams)	15	16	..	..	..	8.2
215	63	Moss Advertising	85	95	+3	3.5	3.8	11.2
182	125	Mysteria	180	185	●..	4.3	2.2	16.6
367	230	NMW Comp	235	245	●+5	8.6	3.6	13.1
21	6	New Ct Nat Res	11½	13	..	..	..	3.3
5½	0½	Do Wrnts	..	..	..	..	..	..
27	14	New England Props	22	25	+1	..	..	11.5
25	8	Do 10%	75	80	●..	0	13.3	..
75	69	Newage Trans	67	70	-1	5.0	7.2	7.8
21	8	Ninsico	9	11	..	..	..	..
150	91	Norank	126	130	-5	4.3	3.4	16.6
190	43	Nortrax	43	48	..	1.0	2.2	5.0
181	79	Norscot Hotels	175	180	●..	3.8	2.0	19.5
45	14	Nth Sea & Gen	21	24	..	..	..	4.5
75	26	Oldfield Inspec	27	32	+2	2.9e	9.7	4.5

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37	18	Optometrics	18	22	..	..	..	..
310	180	Osborne & Little	300	305	-2	4.3	1.4	29.0
41½	23	Owners Abroad	38	39	-1	2.1	5.5	10.5
143	85	PCT	108	118	..	4.6	4.1	12.9
255	160	Pacer Systems	170	180	..	..	..	..
79	48	Pacific Sales	46	50	..	4.3	9.0	11.5
251	126½	Panfida	125	130	●..	5.3	4.1	11.7
718½	82	Parkfield Gp	190	198	-2	..	..	..
62	10	Paul M Lak	34	38	..	●..	..	24.7
53	17	Pawson	28	30	-1	..	..	2.5
165	63	Peak Group	99	105	-1	4.7	2.9	15.5
186	83	Pelicorn	155	160	-7	3.3b	2.1	74.2
48	23	Perkins (J)	25	28	..	1.7	5.3	8.3
111	101	Personal Computer	109	112	+1	..	..	..
200	136	Peters (Michael)	143	148	●..	3.7	2.5	24.8
32	11	Petrogen	21	24	..	..	..	..
34	25½	Piccadilly Radio	28	30	-2	2.9	10.0	9.9
118	24	Pict Pet	31	34	..	..	..	4.5
78	31	Pineapple	74	78	+2	..	..	..
72	25	Planmac	65	68	..	1.0	1.5	8.3
201	115	Platon	182	187	-6	4.5	2.4	13.4
101	88	Plaza Hldgs	90	101	..	4.3	4.3	14.8
245	65	Polyvack Meuro	105	115	..	..	..	..
156	75	Powerline	95	100	●+2	2.9	3.0	13.2
143	93	Prestagmt	103	110	..	3.8	3.4	12.3
132	130	Qestra	128	132	..	4.5	3.5	14.4
138	150	Questel	190	195	+3	6.3	3.3	13.0
103	90	Radamec	102	102	+4	..	..	..
42	18	Radio City 'A'	37	40	..	..	..	..
45	33	Radio Clyde	55	60	..	4.6	7.9	18.8
123	85	Radbec	105	110	..	1.4	1.3	16.2
28	5	Ramco Oil	17	20	+1	..	..	4.6
105	86	Ramus	95	100	..	7.7	7.9	8.5
63	22	Randsworth	60	65	●+9	0.4	8.6	92.6
65	45	Real Time Control	45	50	..	2.8	6.0	13.8
42	14	Reliant Motor	17	18½	..	..	..	15.4
190	70	Rivlin	110	115	..	0.1	0.1	..
110	50	Rockwood	55	60	..	..	..	..
107	83	Rolfe & Nolan	97	102	+2	2.9	2.9	43.1
101	93	Rolenda	98	103	+6	4.3	4.3	12.2
116	101	Ryman	112	115	+4	..	..	..
151	79	SAC	148	151	●-1	2.9	1.9	18.4
125	73	Sangers Photo	73	78	●-2	3.2	4.2	22.0
48	15	Sapphire Pet	15	18	..	..	..	2.4
135	104	Savage	124	127	+1	4.3	3.4	16.1
178	95	Scantro	98	103	●..	5.7	5.6	8.3
195	120	Scot Heritable	145	150	..	4.6	3.1	12.9
133	71	Securiguard	126	133	..	3.9	3.0	24.2
28	7	SelecTV	14½	15½	..	..	..	..
355	249	Share Drug Strs	330	350	..	3.4	1.4	21.1
88	66½	Sheldon Jones	80	85	..	6.8	8.0	9.7
250	160	Sherwood Comp	230	240	..	4.6	2.0	28.3
198	145	Shield	185	185	-10	4.5	1.8	26.7
101	50	Sigmex	55	58	+1	0.8	1.4	20.8
173	110	Sims Catering	125	130	..	5.7	4.6	15.3
272½	113½	Sinclair (William)	175	185	..	7.3	4.1	15.1
238	153	Smallbone	190	195	●-2	5.1	2.6	18.0
173	98	Snowdon Bridge	175	182	●..	4.3b	2.4	21.0
42	13	Soundtracks	40	43	..	1.7	4.0	12.5
188	113	Stan Box	162	167	..	4.3	2.6	9.5
31	11	SW Resources	13	15	..	..	..	5.8
108	83	Space Planning	103	108	-2	2.6	2.5	20.2
70	48	Spectra Auto	67	72	●+2	3.7	5.3	11.0
38	8	Spectrum	23	28	-1	..	..	2.8
88	23	Spice	57	62	..	4.0	4.4	13.6
71	33	Splash	83	88	..	4.7	7.8	9.8
220	85	Stainless Metal	195	200	-1	6.0	3.0	28.7
106	71	Sterling Pub	93	98	..	2.9b	3.1	21.2
28½	17½	Sunleigh Elect	27	28	-1	0.2	0.8	53.1
93	50	Sutherland (ET)	67	72	+2	4.8	6.9	22.1
125	100	Swindon Pr Hosp	100	120	..	..	..	33.5
285	175	Syncsas Comp	260	270	..	3.1	1.2	22.1
250	150	T & S Stores	235	245	..	4.6	1.9	25.7
200	110	TDS Circuits	120	125	-2	2.9e	2.4	3.3
134	111	TMD Advert	120	125	..	2.8	2.4	16.2
97	79	TSB Chan Islands	80	92	..	..	..	..
120	108	Task Force	108	112	..	2.5	2.3	16.2
245	52	Tay Homes	222	227	-11	7.5	3.3	10.5
148	75	Tech For Bus	88	90	..	7.7	9.1	8.5
365	194	Tech Comp	300	308	+2	4.6	1.5	41.0
265	115	Telecomputing	150	165	..	2.1	1.3	15.1
188	74	Tel Serv Int	78	..	..	3.1	4.2	23.8
145	34	Thermax	132	135	-3	3.1	2.3	14.6
272½	180	Thetre Scientific	228	232	●-2	7.1	3.1	20.8
233	63	Thorpac	200	210	..	3.9	1.7	30.6
58	42	Tinsley (Eliza)	46	48	..	4.1	9.1	8.7
153	113	Tod (W&J)	140	145	..	4.7	3.2	10.7
50	28	Towngrade Sec	45	48	..	11.9e	25.8	..
199	135	Trade Promotion	177	182	..	8.2	4.6	18.9
500	270	Trenchermans	480	485	..	7.6	1.6	23.3
173	60	Trilion	78	82	-3	1.6	2.0	17.0
260	140	Tyne Tees 'A'	250	255	+3	18.5	7.7	6.5
76	43	Utd Ceramic	72	75	..	5.4	7.3	12.5
555	420	Utd Friendly	530	540	..	26.0	4.7	..
213	93	Utd Packaging	198	203	..	4.6	4.1	8.4
425	330	Utd Tst Credit	410	420	●-5	20.0	4.8	..
190	81	Usher (Frank)	92	98	●-1	6.4	6.8	11.2
100	35	Viewplan	82	85	-1	2.1	2.5	20.8
105	53	Wayne Kerr	69	72	..	2.3	3.2	..
110	75	Webber Electro	105	110	●..	3.3	3.1	13.2
19½	14	Welpac	16	17	..	0.4	2.4	11.3
98	68	West Yorkshire	95	100	●..	3.1	3.2	13.2
178	103	Whatney Mckay	165	168	●-1	5.7	3.4	13.6
191	150	Wickes	177	182	..	3.8	2.0	21.9
12½	4½	Williams Syst	10½	11½	..	..	..	2.0
27½	16½	Williams (Rex) Hldgs	18½	19½	..	..	..	15.3
463½	93	Wingate	325	335	●-10	1.3	8.8	..
90	44	Wolf	42	45	-3	2.7	0.8	50.4
89	60	Wollan Better	82	86	-1	1.1	2.5	39.3
264	151	Worcester	258	268	●..	7.9	3.0	27.5
220	148	Wld of Leather	145	150	-3	3.6	2.4	15.9
98	63	Wyko	63	68	+1	3.7	5.6	10.0
4	4	Xyllys	..	..	..	..	..	..
158	118	Yellowhammer	138	143	-2	2.3	1.6	20.6
38	28	Yelverton	32	35	..	..	..	..
97	30	York Mount	55	60	-4	1.9	3.1	20.2
80	39	Yorks Tst Gp	55	58	-1	..	..	..
104½	75	Do 8%	100	..	..	..	..	..
61	16	Zygal Dynamics	47	52	..	0.7	1.4	6.9

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
127	105½	Alisa	126	128	+1	3.6	2.8	24.8
853	738	Alliance	847	852	+1	31.8	3.7	40.7
150	124	Amer Trust	145	148	+2	4.4	3.0	40.9
404	333	Ang Amer Sec	390	394	+2	8.9	2.3	61.7
119	94	Atlantic Assets	110	112	-1	0.9	0.8	84.7
139	110	Bankers	133	136	+2	3.9b	2.9	50.8
254	194	Berry	250	254	●+2	1.5	0.6	..
64½	53½	Br Assets	62½	63½	●..	2.9	4.6	28.8
53	33	Br Empire Sec	37½	38½	..	0.9	2.4	88.4
473	415	Br Inv	465	470	●+2	22.6	4.8	30.0
104	80	Brunner	102	104	..	3.3	3.2	47.9
855	755	Cont & Ind	795	810	..	31.4	3.9	34.8
250	178	Crescent Japan	227	230	+1	0.5	0.2	..
157	135	Derby Inc	146	150	+1	12.8	8.6	17.7
153	126	Do Cap	146	150	-2	..	..	..
368	318	Drayton Cons	364	369	●+4	15.4	4.2	34.0
232	151	Drayton Far East	200	203	+3	1.6	0.8	..
772	582	Drayton Japan	647	652	+8	1.4e	0.2	..
215	195	Dundee Lon	213	216	+1	8.6	4.0	35.3
117	98	Edn Amer Asset	109	111	+1	0.9	0.8	88.9
182	136	Edinburgh	156	158	●..	5.3b	3.4	48.2
420	323	Electric Gen	417	422	+1	6.4	1.5	70.4
168	146	English Intl	164	166	●..	5.5	3.3	46.4
104	85	English Scot	103	105	+1	2.0	1.9	83.0
80	60	Ensign	78	75	..	1.3	1.8	68.2
122	103	F & C Alliance	121	123	+1	2.6	2.1	64.2
228	142	F & C Pacific	226	229	●+2	2.1	0.9	88.0
13	8½	First Charlotte	12	12½	-¼	0.1	0.8	..
348	267	First Scot Amer	335	338	+3	15.0	4.5	32.3
585	488	Fleming American	558	563	+8	8.2	1.5	92.0
199	145	Fleming Claver	197	200	+1	7.4	3.7	38.3
345	303	Fleming Enterprise	312	317	-1	12.9	4.1	35.4
141	84½	Fleming Far East	140	142	●+2	1.4	1.0	..
140	109	Fleming Fledgling	136	139	..	3.6	2.6	53.3
739	614	Fleming Japan	715	720	●+10	4.9	0.7	..
174	123	Fleming Mercantile	170	172	..	5.5	3.2	44.2
169	123	Fleming Overseas	167	170	+2	3.9	2.3	83.7
182	140	Fleming Tech	152	156	..	3.3	2.1	69.4
152	107	Fleming Universal	148	151	+1	2.1b	1.4	73.2
104½	68	For Col	104	105	+1	2.4b	2.3	70.6
109	88	GBC Capital	99	101	●..	..	..	..
232	118	GT Japan	217	220	+3	2.0	0.9	..
210	138	General Funds	203	207	-1	2.9	1.4	..
330	275	General Cons	317	321	+2	17.9b	5.6	28.8
166	115	Glasgow Stock	162	165	+2	3.4	2.1	65.9
128	97	Globe	125	128½	●+1½	5.3	4.2	32.4
158	127	Govett Atlantic	156	159	+2	4.3b	2.7	47.2
255	138	Govett Oriental	253	255	+2	3.3	1.3	..
268	215	Govett Strategy	266	269	●..	5.4	2.0	66.8
453	244	Greenfriar	443	450	+3	2.4	0.5	..

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
325	215	Gresham House	290	310	●..	8.4	2.8	32.3
215	158	Hambros	209	212	●+1	6.4	3.0	46.5
108	104	India Fund	105	110	..	..	..	..
858	540	Invest in Success	838	848	+3	8.2	1.0	..
284	244	Inv Cap	277	280	●+2	17.1b	6.1	47.3
165	132	Ivory & Sime	153	158	●+1	7.1	4.6	21.4
63	45	Japan Assets	62	63	●+1	0.7	1.1	..
166	91	Kleinwort Charter	105	108	+1	3.5	3.3	46.1
150	119	Kleinwort O'seas	147	150	+1	3.6	2.4	..
365	237	Kleinwort Smaller	295	305	..	12.0	4.0	..
262	188	Law Debenture	259	262	..	8.0	3.4	31.6
72	58	Lon Merchant Sec	65	67	+2	3.6	5.5	13.4
71	55	Lon Trust	57	59	+1	1.1e	1.9	63.7
128	102	Merchants	125	127	..	6.4b	5.1	33.2
30½	21⅞	Merrill Lynch	27⅞	..	+⅛	..	..	..
237	161	Monks	235	238	+1	3.7b	1.6	89.4
165	128	Murray Income	164	167	+1	8.6b	5.2	30.8
180½	137	Murray Intl	177	180	-1	7.1n	4.0	35.1
375	215	Murray Small	372	377	●+10	4.0	1.1	..
435	159	Murray Venture	220	224	s+4	7.1b	3.2	50.6
465	414	New Court	480	485	●+1	22.5	4.9	27.3
287	49	New Darien Oil	64	66	..	0.9e	1.4	71.4
243	138	938	240	243	..	5.7	2.4	47.1
65	50½	Nthrop Inc 83	62½	64	●..	4.8b	7.8	17.9
271	185	New Tokyo	248	249	+1	1.1e	0.4	..
364	278	Nth Atlantic Sec	359	362	●+5	4.9	1.4	..
81	20	Nth Sea Assets	24	27	..	..	..	7.7
412	278	Nthn Amer	410	414	+6	7.7	1.9	..
223	145	Outwich	220	223	..	6.4	2.9	57.1
111½	86	Pacific Assets	110	112	+1	1.0	0.9	..
48	26	Do Wrnts	47	49	+1	..	..	..
42	35	Personal Assets	40	41½	-½	0.5	1.2	..
440	338	Raeburn	437	442	+2	17.1	3.9	44.6
192	147	River & Merc	190	193	+1	8.6b	4.5	35.3
285	216	River Plate	282	287	..	12.4	4.4	33.0
295	207	Robeco	295	..	+2	..	..	..
262	181	Rolinco	262	..	+2	..	..	..
382	257	Romney	374½	379½	+4	7.1	1.9	57.7
15⅝	11½	Rorento	15⅝	..	..	..	..	..
159	116	St Andrews	157	160	..	4.6b	2.9	54.1
407	297	Scottish	402	405	+1	9.4	2.3	61.7
85	68	Scot American	83	85	+1	2.6b	3.1	94.4
128	89	Scot Eastern	127	128	+½	2.9	2.3	66.8
100	78	Scot Merc 'A'	95	98	..	..	..	..
564	402	Scot Mtge	560	565	..	12.6	2.2	60.7
328	245	Scot Nat	325	328	●+1	7.6	2.3	54.9
752	570	Second Alliance	743	745	+1	26.4	3.5	38.7
94¼	68	Secs Tst of Scotland	92	93½	..	4.3b	4.6	34.2
84½	67	Smaller Cos	83¼	84¼	..	2.0	2.4	58.7
117	81	TR Australia	112	114	●+1	3.3	2.9	33.7

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
122	55	TR City Of Lon Dfd	60	61	-1	3.1b	5.1	28.4
221	77½	TR Ind & Gen	110	111	s+½	2.9b	2.6	47.8
149	100½	TR Natural Res	138½	141½	..	5.9	4.2	30.0
103	89	TR North America	101	103	●..	2.6b	2.5	51.8
189½	118	TR Pacific Basin	189	190	+3½	1.4	0.7	..
204	48½	TR Property	70½	72½	+½	1.9	2.7	47.7
118	99	TR Tech	117	118	+½	2.6	2.2	55.4
184	139	TR Trustees	181	184	+1	5.0	3.3	40.7
169	136	Temple Bar	164	165	+1	8.1b	4.9	28.8
309	237	Throgmorton	307	310	+1	11.9b	3.9	37.0
390	275	Throg Secured Cap	265	295	..	..	..	..
226	157½	Trans Oceanic	222	225	+1	5.5	2.5	56.1
157	112	Tribune	154	157	..	4.0	2.6	44.7
95	79	Triplevest Inc	84½	85½	●-½	17.1	20.1	7.7
303	217	US Debenture	297½	302½	+4	9.3	3.1	60.1
51	35	Value Inc Tst	39	41	●+1	1.8b	4.5	..
62	33	Viking Resources	40	41½	●..	2.9	7.1	20.2
74	53	Westpool	60	62	●..	2.3	3.8	39.0
114	80½	Witan	113	114	+½	2.6b	2.3	64.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
47	34⅞	American Express	104⅛	..	+1⅛	..	1	..
85	42	Argyle	78½	81½	-1	1.4	1.8	42.8
38	21	Boustead	25	28	+2	..	..	73.0
154	120	Britannia Arrow	143	145	●..	6.0b	4.2	16.8
24	15½	Daily Mail	20	20½	..	70.0	3.5	14.3
20¼	15⅝	Do 'A'	18	18½	..	70.0	3.8	12.9
158½	137	Electra	156	158	..	5.9	3.8	36.3
179	95	Eng Trust	177	180	..	4.3	2.4	19.6
276	187	Exco	262	266	-2	7.1	2.7	17.0
113	86	Exploration	110	115	●+2	3.3	2.9	14.8
773	375	Framlington	760	775	..	12.9	1.7	20.1
118	81	Frost Gp	112	117	●..	7.1	6.2	12.4
223	183	GT Management	197	202	●..	4.3	2.2	15.1
7¾	75	Goode (D & M)	186	191	●+1	2.5	1.3	52.9
10¼	490	Henderson Admin	10	10¼	●..	22.1	2.2	19.9
218	153	ICH	202	205	+1	12.9	6.3	9.0
448	320	MAI	435	438	-6	25.0	5.7	9.3
305	190	M & G	267	272	-3	6.1	2.3	32.8
382	252	Mercantile House	328	330	-2	20.0	6.1	6.3
137	86	Pacific Inv Tst	136	138	+2	0.5	0.4	..
40	19	Do Warrants	38	39½	+½	..	..	..
206	152	South New Court	161	164	..	10.0	6.1	8.0

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
Mar 157.0-56.8
May 159.8-59.4
Aug 162.6-62.0
Oct 164.8-64.6
Dec 168.0-67.0
Mar 177.0-76.0
Vol: 2419

COCOA
Dec 1405-02
Mar 1449-48
May 1479-77
Jul 1505-00
Sep 1522-20
Dec 1550-48
Mar 1579-76
Vol: 2914

COFFEE
Jan 2025-022
Mar 1900-897
May 1905-900
Jul 1930-927
Sep 1935-925
Nov 1950-940
Jan 1960-940
Vol: 2916

SOYABEAN
Dec 133.0-31.0
Feb 131.5-31.0
Apr 131.5-31.0
Jun 128.5-28.0
Aug 127.8-28.2
Oct 129.0-28.2
Dec 131.0-29.5
Vol: 105

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL
Dec 77.00-79.0
Jan 77.00-78.5
Feb 80.00-81.5
Mar 78.00
Vol: 15

GAS OIL
Dec 123.50-23.25
Jan 128.25-28.00
Feb 131.50-31.25
Mar 129.50-28.75
Apr 125.50-24.50
May 123.00-22.50
Jun 123.25-21.00
Jul 121.00 Byr
Aug Unquoted
Vol: 2767

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash 923.00-923.50
Three Months 948.00-948.50
Vol 600
Tone Barely Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 895.50-896.00
Three Months 926.50-927.00
Vol 150
Tone Quiet

LEAD
Cash 355.00-355.50
Three Months 326.00-327.00
Vol 6250
Tone Steadier

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 495.00-505.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 533.00-533.50
Three Months 533.00-533.50
Vol 750
Tone Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE
Cash 375.50-376.00
Three Months 386.00-386.50
Vol 1
Tone Quiet

SILVER SMALL
Cash 375.50-376.00
Three Months 386.00-386.50
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 777.00-778.00
Three Months 792.50-793.00
Vol 850
Tone Steady

NICKEL
Cash 2528-2530
Three Months 2568-2570
Vol 78
Tone Barely Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 3
GB: Cattle, 93.57p per kg lw (+0.81)
GB: Sheep 200.28p per kg* (+21.62)
GB: Pigs, 74.09p per kg lw (-2.39)
* est. dead carcase weight
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 16.6 %, ave. price, 93.80p(+0.90)
Sheep nos. down 0.9 %, ave. price, 201.18p(+21.74)
Pig nos. up 23.3 %, ave. price, 74.09p(-2.39)
Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 5.1 %, ave. price, 92.75p(+0.46)
Sheep nos. up 41.9 %, ave. price, 192.91p(+23.42)
Pig nos. n/a %, ave. price, n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	95.80	95.80
Apr	95.00	94.50
Jun	95.00	94.50
Aug	95.00	94.50

Vol: 15
Pig Meat vol: 0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Cattle Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	Unq'ted	Unq'ted
Apr	Unq'ted	Unq'ted
Jun	Unq'ted	Unq'ted

Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	110.90	112.50
Mar	113.80	114.65
May	115.80	115.85
Jul	117.65	
Sep	101.40	100.75
Nov	103.65	103.25

Volume:
Wheat 134
Barley 34

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	112.00	111.00
Apr	161.50	159.00
May	179.30	178.00
Nov	89.00	88.50
Feb	97.50	97.00

Vol: 378

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report $10 per index point freight index

	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	675.0-670.0	672.0
Apr 87	695.0-690.0	693.0
Jul 87	605.0-605.0	604.0
Oct 87	705.0-700.0	703.0
Jan 88	—	707.5
Apr 88	—	755.0
Jul 88	650.0-650.0	650.0
Oct 88	—	785.0

Vol: 192 lots
Open interest: 1916

TANKER REPORT

	High/Low	Close
Dec 86	—	904.5

Vol: 0 lots
Open interest n/a
Spot market commentary:
Tanker index: 955.5 up 12.0 on 2/12/86
Dry cargo index: 721.5 down 9.0 on 2/12/86

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares remain nervous

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on November 24. Dealings end Friday. §Contango day next Monday. Settlement day December 15. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
2	Carlton Comm	Paper,Print,Adv	
3	BOC	Industrials A-D	
4	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
5	Chemring	Industrials A-D	
6	Abbey	Building,Roads	
7	Allied Text	Textiles	
8	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
9	Bryson	Oil	
10	Nottingham Brick	Building,Roads	
11	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
12	McCarthy & S	Building,Roads	
13	Union	Banks,Discount	
14	Peerless	Industrials L-R	
15	Assoc Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
16	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
17	RMC	Building,Roads	
18	Berisfords	Industrials A-D	
19	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
20	Hunting	Oil	
21	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	Foods	
22	Turriff	Building,Roads	
23	S A Breweries	Breweries	
24	Sumrie Clothes	Drapery,Stores	
25	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
26	Triefus	Industrials S-Z	
27	Christies Int	Industrials A-D	
28	Britannic	Insurance	
29	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
30	Laporte	Chemicals,Plas	
31	McKay Secs	Property	
32	Macfarlane	Industrials L-R	
33	Burtonwood Brew	Breweries	
34	Lon Park Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
35	Bulmer & Lumb	Textiles	
36	Lon Midland	Industrials L-R	
37	Tilbury Group	Building,Roads	
38	Octopus	Newspapers,Pub	
39	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
40	HTV N/V	Cinemas,TV	
41	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
42	Appledore	Industrials A-D	
43	Hardys & Hansons	Breweries	
44	Herrburger Brooks	Leisure	
	© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000

Claims required for +32 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1986 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
103	95½	Exch 13¼% 1987	100⅛	..	13.2	11.118
100⅛	93⅝	Treas 10¼% 1987	99⅝	..	10.3	11.034
98¼	92¼	Exch 2½% 1987	98½	..	2.5	8.919
99⅝	95¼	Exch 10½% 1987	99⅝	..	10.5	11.218
96⅛	93⅝	Fund 6½% 1985-87	96⅝	..	6.6	10.036
101¼	95⅞	Treas 10% 1987	98⅞	..	10.1	11.258
97⅛	90¼	Treas 3% 1987	96⅝	..	3.1	8.588
104¼	94¼	Treas 12% 1987	100½	..	11.9	11.294
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109	98½	Treas IL 2% 1990	107⅝	+⅛	2.1	2.748
122	108⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	115⅝	+⅛	2.5	3.985
107⅝	95¼	Treas IL2½% 2001	99⅛	+⅛	3.1	3.965
107¼	93½	Treas IL2½% 2003	98⅝	+⅛	3.2	3.500
110⅛	98⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	101⅝	+⅛	2.8	3.800
105¼	92⅝	Treas IL2½% 2009	97	+⅛	3.2	3.705
111⅛	97	Treas IL2½% 2011	102¼	+⅛	3.2	3.624
54⅝	79⅛	Treas IL2½% 2013	85⅝	+⅛	3.2	3.575
102⅛	87⅛	Treas IL2½% 2016	93	+⅛	3.2	3.514
99⅛	90⅝	Treas IL2½% 2016 A	93	+⅛	2.8	3.515
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530	163	Bank Of Ireland	193	198	●	17.0	8.7	..
250	230	Bank Leumi UK	240	260		20.7	8.0	9.1
469	377	Bank Of Scotland	410	415	-1	28.1	6.8	6.8
575	449	Barclays	473	475				13.2
740	460	Brown Shipley	585	600	●	13.9	2.3	27.7
648	368	Cater Allen	275	280	●-5	28.9	10.2	35.5
520	318	Joseph (Leopold)	485	500	+5	18.2	3.7	20.7
321	191	Nat Aust Bk	257	232	+2			
593	425	Nat West	483	487	-6	27.6	5.7	5.1

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Over-capacity looms in background as merger talks begin

Leyland seeks way out of commercial gloom

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Depressed sales of commercial vehicles and severe over-capacity of about 40 per cent in truck-making underline the crucial nature of the talks now taking place to settle the future of the Rover Group's loss-making Leyland trucks operation.

The discussions, still at an early stage, are taking place with DAF Truck, the Netherlands manufacturer, and Paccar, based in Seattle, which bought Foden from the British receiver in 1980.

Gloomy European prospects have already driven General Motors and Ford to retreat. Ford has sold off its European truck plant at Langley in Britain to a company in which it has a 49 per cent holding, matched by a similar holding by Iveco, a subsidiary of Italy's Fiat. The joint company is Iveco Ford Truck.

And GM will stop making medium and heavy Bedford trucks at its Luton plant by the year end, emphasizing how badly Leyland, a minnow in West European terms, needs to find a place in a bigger grouping.

Since GM's bid to take over the Leyland trucks operation collapsed, the search for a solution has continued. The first sign came in September when a marketing deal was struck with DAF.

Since Leyland launched its light Roadrunner truck two years ago, it has improved its market share in Britain to a 17 per cent lead although it is still hard-pressed, particularly by Ford and Mercedes Benz.

Its problem has been a lack of success in attempting to break into European markets historically neglected by Leyland when old colonial markets still accounted for much of its exports.

Under the DAF deal, about 2,000 Leyland vehicles are expected to be sold next year through DAF's 500 dealers on the Continent.

The Roadrunner, the heaviest vehicle, which can still be driven without a heavy commercial vehicle licence in Britain, slots neatly into the DAF truck portfolio since the Dutch company, whose strength is in heavy trucks, decided not to build vehicles below 10 tonnes gross vehicle weight. It will also sell Freight Rover Sherpa vans.

The deal demonstrates how a closer association like a merger would make sense for both Leyland and DAF even though there would be some overlap among the heavier truck ranges. Freight Rover is not being included in the talks either with DAF or Paccar.

DAF's market share in Western Europe last year stood at slightly more than 4.5 per cent while Leyland was almost at 4 per cent. The two together would rank among

the top half-dozen European makers, ahead of Sweden's Scania and close on the heels of the other big Swedish manufacturer, Volvo.

Daimler Benz has rather more than 26 per cent of the European market, Iveco close on 15 per cent and Renault more than 10 per cent.

The talks between DAF and Leyland on closer collaboration are the most advanced at present. Paccar has only just started its studies, according to the Rover Group and the expectation is that if the US manufacturer makes a move it will be a clear takeover bid.

Seattle is playing its cards close to its chest but a possible attraction in Leyland is that it could give Paccar a stronger base from which to attack the European market.

Paccar is best known as a heavy truck manufacturer and for its Kenworth and Peterbilt ranges. Foden at Sandbach in Cheshire now produces specialist trucks; one of its bigger recent contracts was for several hundred recovery vehicles for the British Army.

What is clear is that the Leyland trucks operation faces restructuring, undoubtedly involving job losses, whether the solution to its difficulties lies with DAF or Paccar.

When Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced the talks with the two foreign makers this week, he emphasized that restructuring was inevitable if Leyland trucks stayed as it was.

This is empasized by the financial results of the trucks subsidiary, The trucks operation had a half-year operating loss, before tax and interest, of £21.1 million in the first part of this year. This was the first time the Rover Group broke down the figures for the trucks subsidiary but the haemorrhage has clearly been going on for some time.

Where the jobs axe would fall would depend on whatever strategy is finally adopted for Leyland.

There are three main manufacturing locations; the key assembly plant at Leyland, Lancashire, the Albion axle-making plant at Glasgow, and the Scammell factory at Watford, Hertfordshire.

A radical restructuring inevitably seems the price the Leyland operation will have to pay to stay, with any credibility, in a truck race which seems likely to see even more casualties.

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Strict liability in goshawk offence

Kirkland v Robinson

Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Tudor Evans

[Judgment December 2]

Section 1(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 which provides that "if any person has in his possession or control (a) any live or dead wild bird ... shall be guilty of an offence" created an offence of strict liability so that it was not necessary for the prosecutor to adduce evidence of guilty knowledge.

Accordingly, the defendant's honest and reasonable belief that the birds were bred in captivity and were therefore not wild birds for the purposes of the Act could not afford a defence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, upholding a decision of Ashton-under-Lyne Justices who on April 10, 1985, found the defendant Eric Kirkland guilty of offences under the Act upon informations laid by the prosecutor, Peter John Robinson, senior investigations officer of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Mr Roderick Carus for the defendant; Mr Mark Love for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that the information alleged that between June 14 and 27, 1983 the defendant had in his possession four wild birds, namely four goshawks, contrary to section 1(2)(a) of the Act.

The justices found that goshawks were wild birds within the meaning of the Act and that they were lawfully in captivity if they had been (i) imported under licence, (ii) taken from the wild by licence or (iii) bred in captivity from birds that were lawfully in captivity.

On June 14 the defendant obtained the goshawks from a Mr Butterworth and registered that transfer with the Department of the Environment as progeny of a joint breeding project between one of his birds and one of Mr Butterworth's birds.

However the four birds were not bred in captivity within the definition in the 1981 Act since they had not been lawfully bred by Mr Butterworth from captive birds belonging to him, nor had they been imported under licence or taken from the wild by licence.

The defendant made a submission of no case to answer on the ground that possession within the meaning of the Act did not mean possession *simpliciter* but meant that he needed to know all the qualities of that which he had in his possession.

He contended that in the circumstances of the case an honest and reasonable belief that the birds were bred from birds lawfully in captivity was a defence and that the prosecution were under an obligation to adduce evidence of guilty knowledge if they wished to establish a case.

The justices rejected that submission and accepted the contention of the prosecutor that in the absence of any definition of possession in the Act it was only necessary to adduce evidence to show that the defendant was in physical possession of the birds and that they were wild birds as defined.

The justices therefore rejected the submission of no case to answer and the defendant did not call or give evidence.

The defendant now submitted that *mens rea* was an essential ingredient of the Act and that the justices were in error in deciding that it was not. He argued that the consequences of the conviction were so serious having regard to the provisions for forfeiture contained in the Act that it had to be assumed that Parliament did not intend to exclude liability.

The prosecution said that section 1(2)(a) of the Act created an offence of strict liability. The statute provided certain defences and it was also provided in the structure of the Act that licences might be granted to persons or organizations for specific purposes and that if anything was done in accordance with the terms of the licences section 1 did not apply.

In his Lordship's view there was no doubt that Parliament intended the offence created by section 1(1) to be an offence of strict liability. Section 1(1) had the word "intentionally" but section 1(2) did not, and section 1(2) had a statutory defence in section 1(3).

There had to be an absolute prohibition on the doing of certain acts which were against the public welfare. The 1981 Act was to protect the environment and therefore was of social importance.

Those who possessed wild birds were to be at risk to show that their possession was lawful possession.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans agreed.

Solicitors: Winter Wilkinson, St Neots; Pluck Andrew & Co, Hyde.

One error can be misconduct

Regina v Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Ex parte Sokoh

A single serious error was capable of constituting misconduct for the purpose of disciplinary proceedings under section 8 of the Pharmacy Act 1954. The word "misconduct" did not necessarily connote moral censure; it meant no more than incorrect or erroneous conduct of any kind of a serious nature.

Mr Justice Webster so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on December 3, dismissing an application for judicial review by a registered pharmacist who was reprimanded by the statutory committee for professional misconduct in failing to check with a doctor a prescription for Brompton mixture which was unclear in certain respects and contained a very large dose of pethidene.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was unhelpful to define "misconduct" by any adjective having moral overtones.

A single act of negligence could in principle constitute misconduct. If the word had to be defined then it meant incorrect or erroneous conduct of any kind, provided that it was of a serious nature.

The statutory committee had power to reprimand the pharmacist under paragraph 25(*d*) of the Pharmaceutical Society (Statutory Committee) Order of Council (SI 1978 No 20), having found that he was guilty of professional misconduct, but that the misconduct was not such as to render him unfit to have his name on the register.

Destruction of seized goods

Regina v Uxbridge Justices, Ex parte Sofaer and Another

Before Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Peter Pain

[Judgment November 28]

The destruction of goods by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise between the date of forfeiture of the goods and committal proceedings in respect of an alleged offence under section 68(2) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 in relation to the goods, did not necessarily result in prejudice to the defendant or a breach of the rules of natural justice where secondary evidence in the form of photographs was available and could be put before a jury. There was no overriding duty on the prosecution to preserve evidence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for judicial review of the decision of Uxbridge Justices to commit the applicants, David Richard Sofaer and Howard Freckleton, for trial in respect of alleged offences contrary to section 68(2) of the 1979 Act.

Mr Jeremy Gompertz for the applicants; Mr Keith Simpson for the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

LORD JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON said the case of *R v Lushington, Ex parte Otto* ([1894] 1 QB 430) was cited as authority for the proposition that the prosecution was under an overriding duty to preserve evidence. While that was no doubt a desirable standard, it was not always possible to apply.

Evidential exhibits sometimes went astray. Sometimes it was only by their destruction that one could get at the evidence. In those circumstances it was customary to rely on secondary evidence.

In this case there were photographs. The commissioners considered that they were adequate for a jury to reach a conclusion one way or the other as to whether the aircraft parts which were the subject matter of the offence alleged were in fact usable aircraft parts, or were scrap as the applicants asserted.

The justices had accepted that and it was not possible to say that they could not as a matter of law have reached the conclusion they did.

MR JUSTICE PETER PAIN, agreeing, said that Mr Justice Wright in the case of *R v Lushington, Ex parte Otto* had stated the principle too widely, more so than was necessary for the decision in that case. That decision could not square with the provisions of the 1979 Act.

Solicitors: Reynolds Dawson; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

'Grates and stoves' updated

Summit Invest Inc v British Steel Corporation (The Sounion)

The phrase "grates and stoves" in clause 20 of the New York Produce Exchange form of time charter, which provided for exceptions to the charterers' liability to pay for fuel used by the chartered vessel, was to be construed as extending to all fuel used for crew domestic purposes, including lighting, heating, cooking and any fuel-consuming indulgences.

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Nicholls) on December 2 allowed an appeal by the charterers, British Steel Corporation, against a decision of Mr Justice Gatehouse who, on March 7, 1986, had allowed the owners' appeal from a decision of arbitrators and had held that the phrase was to be construed as referring only to the cost of fuel used for crew's domestic heating.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the court was faced with a shipowner and a time charterer discussing the hire of a vessel which, as both knew, had neither grates nor stoves on board.

The phrase "grates and stoves" fell to be considered in an age when time charterers' fuel was used to produce steam and electricity for domestic lighting, heating, cooking and what one of the arbitrators had unkindly described as "any other fuel-consuming indulgences that the crew may be allowed".

There was no basis for requiring the owners to pay for the cost of fuel used to run an air-conditioning plant when it was blowing hot but not when it was blowing cold.

Clause 20 was intended to extend the owners' liability to all fuel used for crew domestic purposes, whether lighting, heating cooking or crew "indulgences".

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

December 4, 1986

Companies want temporaries with specialist skills. These, Tom Pointon argues, can come from the over-45s

Over 45 and in the job market? For many in that position self-employment may be the way forward – and it can be a hidden boon and blessing all round for British business. If only this is recognized! Two recent analyses throw up an interesting picture. These are an Institute of Manpower Studies survey of 450 businesses, and the Labour Force Surveys (LFS) 1981, 1983 and 1984, analysed by the Employment Market Research Unit of the Department of Employment.

They show that 50 per cent of companies surveyed are seeking temporaries with high-level skills in specialist fields (accountancy, computing, marketing and technical) in which demand is growing, that of the 2.6 million self-employed 75 per cent are men and growing, and that activity in construction, distribution, repairs, hotels and catering accounts for half of all self-employed.

That is the broad picture. My specific area of interest is that of the "senior management" types.

Right now "outplacement" agencies – organizations that help senior executives come to terms with the fact that their employer no longer needs them and help them in the process of gaining new employment – are probably at their busiest ever.

Personal observation and experience suggest that getting a job for the senior management executive who is over 45 can often be a long and dispiriting exercise, with the chances of success diminishing rapidly the older you become. And it is the over-45 senior management group that British business increasingly selects for banishment and cannot really reabsorb.

It seems to me that a point is reached where business, both industry and commerce, has so decimated itself with respect to the over-45 age group that it has lost, possibly for ever, knowledge, contacts, learning, skills and so on that are irreplaceable. Displacement of senior management is too often a one-off event, usually with no planning possible, or intended, with respect to succession or orderly transfer of know-how to younger people. A vacuum is created.

The kind of know-how I mean is not just technical, but all the accumulated wisdom and capabilities that maturity, in the best sense, brings about in the able, energetic and achievement-oriented senior manager.

Intuitively – there are no statistics – I have the feeling that the point has just about been reached where British business has so decimated itself that "corporate memory and sensitivity" are lacking. It is as if the primitive tribe had "lost its head" – in the sense that in this environment the young men fend and fight while the grey-heads remain at home, remembering and retelling the past for their present and future benefit.

Of course, the conditions I describe best fit big business. The small to medium-size business probably never has a large number of over-45s at the top anyway (even if it really needs them!). Certainly, many of the new business start-ups with great potential for new employment will be in youthful hands.

Additionally, according to my own grapevine, there is a need in the new venture capital area. Expansion through this form of investment has left a gap – venture capitalists do not manage businesses themselves and they have no surrogates in place. The point is that they have to take the word and actions of those in charge of the actual businesses in which they invest, good and bad.

What other evidence is there? According to the Management Consultants Association, management consultancy is enjoying a boom. It said that last year turnover of its members increased 25 per cent, with an 18 per cent increase in consultants recruited. These increases followed the pattern of the previous year, 1984, so it is no mere flash in the pan. Reasons advanced for this expansion included:

- Increasing pace of change: consultants being used to assist the implementation of change.
- The comparatively long period of political and economic stability in the UK which has increased the willingness of organizations to invest.
- A growing willingness of organizations to seek external help, particularly in specialist skill areas.
- External influences of major proportions, causing some organizations to adjust their strategies, organization and systems to new conditions (for example, the Big Bang in the City, advent of new technology and manufacturing techniques).

Skills and services in demand include: management accounting, information systems, telecommunications, software programming, management sciences, human resources, executive selection and search, marketing, economics, transportation, operations management and so on.

Take public relations. *Financial Weekly* has reported that the number of such consultancies that breached the £100,000 fee income barrier grew in the past year from 86 to 114, a 67 per cent increase.

Now all this relates, one way and another, to the kind of skills that the over-45 senior management executive possesses in plenty.

Growth in the economy overall is there but not as extensive as one could imagine as being necessary to cause the change and expansion described. There is fundamental structural change. There is a clear lack of internal resource and a need for outside expertise that is demonstrable. Expertise just has to come from outside the organization.

Let us look at things yet another way. The area of information technology is cited by the Institute of Manpower Studies as possibly growing by a quarter by the end of this decade – it is presently 200,000-strong, its professionals being described as one-third having electronic-based skills and the rest computer-based skills. Some over-45s will undoubtedly have expertise that can be applied to this growth area.

So far I have demonstrated that there is real need and that this can be met from outside the organization, appropriately by many over-45s.

What do the over-45s offer? In brief summary one can see:

FIRST, the over-45s have clout – the skills, contacts, experience and confidence mix to advise and assist at top level, acquired only after many years of wide, varied and in-depth experience.

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FIFTH, over-45s, being independent, are not tied full-time to a demanding and restrictive employer and can give full whack to different roles and tasks and achieve greater personal satisfaction.

SIXTH, the over-45s can bring real objectivity to bear, avoiding tunnel vision and not having to make trade-offs with colleagues within the organization.

These are, of course, generalizations and are most certainly not exhaustive. They do add up to a powerful argument for the use of over-45s by business which is often these days at full stretch and cannot spend time and effort thinking through its problems and then implementing the necessary change.

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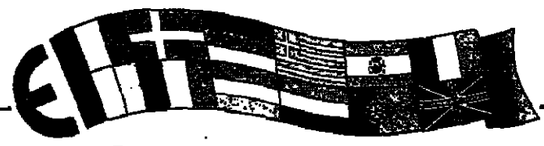

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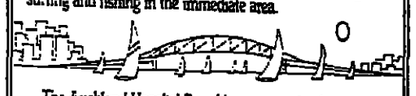

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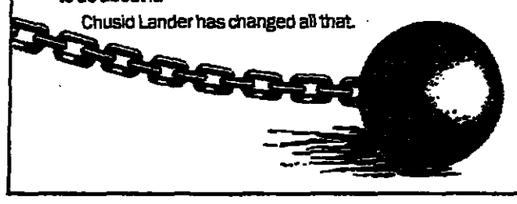

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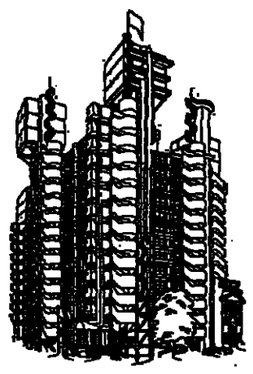

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Then consider funding. Will your company sponsor you? Would you improve your chances by joining another company? Could you pay for yourself? Many do. If not, are you eligible for a loan, grant or scholarship?

Career development loans are available from Barclays, Clydeside and the Co-operative Banks for people on vocational courses lasting from a week to a year. No interest is payable until up to three months after you complete the course. The scheme, introduced for a three-year trial, is initially open to anyone living or hoping to study in Aberdeen, Bath, Bristol, Greater Manchester, Reading or Slough.

Locating the right course is important. If computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacture (CADCAM) is your field, take care that the one you choose has the right material. Potential students are warned by Dr Ernest Warman, managing director of the CADCAM Association: "Some polytechnics are processing people who are no use to companies because the courses lack the right content. They are using CADCAM as a catch-all."

> Retraining is vital both in industry and careers, and it may be best to make the moves yourself, says Sally Watts

'My purpose is to attract good quality graduates'

So his association has been vetting and accrediting retraining courses, and the results are to be published in a free handbook available to non-members in January. A catalogue for CADCAM Association members was produced earlier this year.

You could use Prestel to see which of the thousands of short schemes the Department of Education and Science offers through PICKUP (Professional, Commercial and Industrial Updating) would be most relevant. These cover new technology, skills, methods and materials for people from boardroom to shopfloor. Alternatively, contact your regional PICKUP organizer.

Consider also the opportunities offered by universities, polytechnics and colleges. One of the most positive is the Integrated Graduate Development Scheme at the University of Warwick, which came out top in the grants review of last spring. With 600 students, this is the largest postgraduate programme in Europe.

It is run by Professor Kumar Bhattacharyya, Lucas professor of Manufacturing Systems, who started it with a colleague in response to the *Finniston Report*, to combat the huge turnover of new graduates in industry when they were hit by "the shock of manufacturing".

He says: "My purpose is to attract good quality graduates to industry, to convert them to what manufacturing requires and to retrain them." Managements have helped to develop the programmes, which started with Lucas and BL staff and now include, among others, Rolls-Royce, British Aerospace, Short Brothers and GKN.

The modular courses, on information technology in manufacturing or manufacturing systems, leads to an MSc degree via continuous assessment and a project. Most are in their twenties and all are sponsored; some middle managers also do the course; others take short, tailormade ones. People at board level study defined subjects – the future of manufacturing, for example.

Graduates who would benefit from the scheme, but lack sponsorship, should apply to Warwick for a Science and Engineering Research Council scholarship, says Professor Bhattacharyya, or try to join a company that will sponsor them.

Modular s· ·ms are specially adapted to those who can spare little time away from work. At Surrey University, Michael Bader, Dean for Continuing Education, is looking at ways to use them more flexibly, believing a national system must develop in which credits are interchangeable between colleges. Others foresee mixed-source credits – obtained from evening class, summer school, distance learning or whatever – counting towards a qualification.

There is always something new for students who want to work and study simultaneously. For instance, there are two relatively new distance learning management courses from Henley and Brunel, leading to an MSc. Or take open learning. This year the Open Business School – whose slogan is "management courses that leave time for management" – has two additions, Managing People, and Planning and Managing Change. Both take up to five hours' study a week for six months, and count towards the school's management diploma.

Other subjects include effective management, marketing, personnel selection, accounting and finance. A chartered engineer wrote of the latter: "It has given me the financial and accounting background traditionally lacking in the conventional qualification."

Open learning also includes the imaginative Open Tech, for technicians and supervisors wanting to learn new skills at their own pace and place, and next September a new addition will be the Manpower Services Commission's Open College, to broadcast education programmes on television and radio, both BBC and independent, and so provide more opportunities for retraining and career enhancement.

For engineers, scientists or managers, preferably with a degree, the Open University's SATUP (Scientific and Technological Updating Programme) offers a postgraduate diploma or second degree. For this, students select eight of 22 subjects in two categories – manufacturing, and industrial applications of computers. Those who are unsponsored can apply for a Panasonic Trust grant. Alternatively, students can study just one or two subjects relevant to their career.

"People come here to reorientate their career and few go back to their old company," says a professor of the Cranfield School of Management. He was discussing students – generally in the late twenties – who put themselves through the intensive one-year, full-time Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. Very few are sponsored, but a cheap rate loan may be available from the British Graduates Association.

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Elusive but essential quality of confidence

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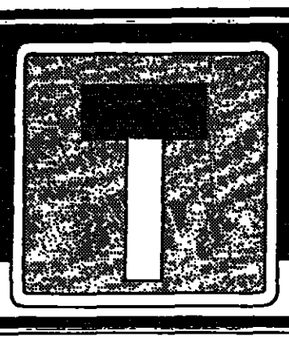

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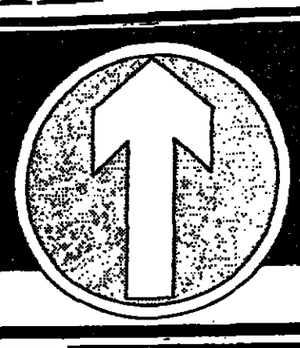

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Honeyghan, the Master of Disaster, who fulfilled his date with destiny

Boxing legend who would rather make love, not war

This time last year, Lloyd Honeyghan was another hopeful challenger for the world welterweight boxing championship. The holder was Donald "The Cobra" Curry, popularly considered to be pound-for-pound the best boxer in the world. Today, Honeyghan is the undisputed world champion. The only undisputed champion there is, a point he rams home with touching regularity.

What happened has now passed into sporting folklore. The no-hoper from Bermondsey went over to Atlantic City and came out firing on all cylinders. The pound-for-pound best boxer in the world plodded out with a fistful of pounds too many. He probably didn't even know his opponent's name. The rest is, to coin a phrase, history.

"I said at the Press conference before the fight that it was my destiny to be world champion. They all laughed but that just made me think that he who laughs last laughs best. I've known that I was going to be world champion since I was 14."

Since becoming world champion, Honeyghan has been in demand. He has just returned from his native Jamaica where he took part in a "Get High On Life" campaign, and where he was presented with the Prime Minister's Award, the highest honour in the land. And tonight he is saluted as the Sports Writers' Association Sportsman of the Year, ahead of Cram, Thompson, Coe, Lineker, Andries and the rest.

'Kids look up to me because I beat a legend'

The day we met him, he was making a personal appearance in aid of Spelthorne Against Drugs, a local community campaign. Needless to say, the schools were empty that day. By the time we left, he had written "With love, Lloyd" on more scraps of paper than he would care to remember. That same evening he was opening a youth club in Tulse Hill after a request by the Brixton police.

"All this stuff is good because young kids look up to me and to see me working with the police on something like this. sets a good example. I don't drink, smoke or take drugs. The occasional glass of wine doesn't hurt anyone.

"Kids these days need heroes and there aren't many around. They look up to me because I beat a legend." He thought for a minute before adding: "I'm a legend, the undisputed champion of the world."

For a black youngster growing up in the sixties, there could only really be one contender for the title of hero: Muhammad Ali. The combination of talent, pride and an arrogance borne out of supreme self-confidence proved irresistible to millions. "When I was young I used to fight like Ali. You know, the shuffle and everything. People used to come to the shows and go crazy, chanting, 'Ali, Ali,' because that was the way I used to box."

Regardless of what the crowds chanted, young Honeyghan soon got himself a reputation. He may call himself the Master of Disaster now but then he was just called flash. In the conservative world of amateur boxing, the sight of a loudmouth black kid — the shuffle was not the only thing he got from Ali — sporting a personalized dressing gown was not one designed to inspire admiration. When the dressing gown came off and the fancy footwork started, things got worse. That he kept winning added insult to injury.

But win he did. It was, after all, "his destiny". The discipline and dedication seemed to come easily, too. "I used to go training, then I used to go clubbing. I had to hold back a little but I don't think that I missed out on anything.

"I love dancing, though, and it was good because it helped with the boxing and the boxing helped with the dancing, for fitness. I don't do that any more.

Women. After the Curry bout, there was as much talk of Honeyghan's conquests outside the ring as there were of those inside. An image was painted of a man whose idea of training was bedroom-based and whose sparring partners were of the strictly feminine variety. A batch of children was produced as evidence.

Lloyd? "Well, that's the Press for you. What can I do if they want to print things like that? Sure, I like women, just like everybody else. I love women. There's no two ways about it. When I was younger, yeah, sure I used to make love, go training, make love, fight and then make love when I'd finished. But now I'm champion of the world, I can't do that. I've got to set an example to young kids. But I'm not reformed. I'm the same Lloyd Honeyghan. I'm not changing for anyone, but I'm world champion now."

What do you do outside boxing? "Make love."

Women and children are the least of Honeyghan's problems. Aged 26, he has achieved his life's work. Everything has been a build-up to one thing and it's now been done. With it has come wealth and fame that must have been beyond the wildest dreams of the nine-year-old boy who first stepped off the plane from Jamaica. Will life ever be the same? Will it ever have meaning? More to the point, will he be able to handle the changes?

'This business isn't going to change me'

"People like John Conteh do what they did because of the pressures of the managers. I don't think it's the lifestyle. When you know that you're a good fighter and you know you're not doing all you want to do and getting all you want to get . . . it's a lot of pressure. I used to have that with Terry Lawless. I could control it but it was getting to me. When I left him, I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown."

Mentioning the name of Lawless to Honeyghan elicits the same reaction as going up to Norman Tebbit and whispering "BBC" in his ear. Honeyghan is now managed by Mickey Duff, a close associate of the Lawless camp.

But how will he handle the money and those attendant pressures? "The money will get me a better house and a better car but the figures that you read in the papers . . . I read that I once got £170,000. I tell you, if I really got that kind of money, I wouldn't be sitting here now.

"When I stop doing this, in a couple of years, I want to become a trainer or a manager because I love boxing. I would like to show young boxers the right way, in the ring and outside it. I could never do to young kids what people have done to me. This business isn't going to change me. I've always been the way I am and always will be."

Jeremy Novick

Here's looking at you, kid: Honeyghan, turning the tables on the opposition, feels as much at ease behind the camera as he does in front of it (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

SQUASH RACKE

The sting in the tail proves decisive

By Colin McQuillan

The Dunnings Mill squad in the American Express Premier League are called Poundstretchers in recognition of their team sponsorship from British Airways. They might justifiably be labelled player-stretchers for their capabilities in pulling apart opponents even when their top strings are not available.

The East Grinstead team still lead the national league, if only by a single point, after inflicting a 4-1 defeat upon a Halls West Country squad reinforced by the Swedish number one Jan Ulf Soderberg. With Philip Kenyon and Kelvin Smith playing at the Al Falaj Open in Oman, responsibility for maintaining their lead fell upon Paul Gregory and Danny Meddings, two of the youngest players in the competition but increasingly noteworthy for professional commitment.

The Poundstretchers needed every possible point to resist the growing challenge from Skol Leicester, who won 4-1 in Wakefield against Visco Monroe, and InterCity-Cannons, who defeated Nottingham 3-2, with the under-23 champion Jamie Hickox beating Greg Pollard, the world No. 13, in straight games.

Hard fought five-game victories came for the East Grinstead side from Andrew Dwyer and Steve Cunningham but Phil Whitlock, normally a dependable third string, was always struggling against Soderberg, who had only arrived from Stockholm during the afternoon.

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Dunnings Mill	7	6	1	39
Skol Leicester	7	6	1	38
InterCity Cannons	7	6	1	36
Manchester Northern	7	5	2	32
Chapel Allerton	7	4	3	29
Home Ales Nottingham	7	2	5	18
Ardleigh Hall	7	2	5	17
Halls West Country	7	2	5	16
Visco Monroe	7	2	5	16
Arrow Village	7	0	7	4

Meddings clinched the match by beating Darren Mabbs, at fourth string, 9-4, 9-2, 9-3, with as clinical a display of shot power as any teenager in the world might produce. It was Gregory, though, who produced the performance of the match to fight his way to success at second string, 9-4, 2-9, 1-9, 9-4, 9-5, against Cerryg Jones, the Welsh captain, and earn the vital point that kept his team ahead of the field.

Both are only 18 years old. Last season Gregory was an occasional fifth string and Meddings considered himself lucky to get the odd game. When the heavyweights fill the top places, they now appear regularly as a devastating double sting in the Dunnings Mill tail.

Del Harris, the British under-19 champion, beat the European champion of champions Adrian Davies, after being demoted to second string for the Essex team Ardleigh Hall against Manchester Northern. But the England junior captain, Robert Graham, playing at fifth string for InterCity-Cannons, unaccountably lost his confidence despite holding four match balls when leading 2-0, 8-1, against Andrew Danzey, of Nottingham, and eventually lost 9-5, 9-4, 8-10, 2-9, 0-9.

RESULTS: Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill 4, Halls West Country 1; Nottingham 2, InterCity-Cannons 3; Arrow Village 1, Chapel Allerton 4; Ardleigh Hall 2, Manchester Northern 3; Visco Monroe 1, Skol Leicester 4.

Kenyon in semi-final

Muscat (Reuter) — Phil Kenyon, of Britain, sprang a surprise by eliminating Ross Thorne, the world No. 4, of Australia, 9-6, 10-9, 9-7, but his compatriot, Gawain Briars, crashed 9-0, 9-6, 9-1, to Jahangir Khan, the world No. 1, of Pakistan, in 28 minutes in the Al Falaj Grand Prix quarter-finals here.

Stuart Davenport, the world No. 3, of New Zealand, was another casualty, knocked out of by Qamar Zaman, the Pakistani veteran. Davenport made a fight back in the second game, but missed his chance in the third under pressure to lose 9-5, 4-9, 10-9, 9-2.

Ross Norman, the New Zealander who deposed Jahangir as world champion, beat Chris Robertson, of Australia, 9-7, 9-0, 9-4.

QUARTER-FINALS: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt G Briars (GB), 9-0, 9-6, 9-1; R Norman (NZ) bt C Robertson (Aus), 9-7, 9-0, 9-4; Qamar Zaman (Pak) bt S Davenport (NZ), 9-5, 4-9, 10-9, 9-2; P Kenyon (GB) bt R Thorne (Aus), 9-6, 10-9, 9-7.

BOBSLEIGHING

British hopes dashed as sledges go missing

From Chris Moore, Winterberg, West Germany

Britain's team suffered a severe set-back after arriving here for the opening round of the World Cup series without any sledges. Despite day-long inquiries the whereabouts of their three two-man bobs was still unclear last night.

They were originally due to have been flown from Calgary last week by the Royal Air Force. When that arrangement fell through due to a priority loading, the sledges were rescheduled via Toronto with Air Canada. They should have arrived in Düsseldorf yesterday but were not on board. With no replacements available, the British team have no option but to sit out yesterday's first two practice laufs. They will also miss this morning's two runs and unless the sleds arrive today, face the prospect of missing all six training laufs.

The team manager Mo Hammond, a flight lieutenant in the RAF, will seek special dispensation from the jury for his drivers, Nick Phipps, Tom De La Hunty and Peter Brugnani, to have two extra runs tomorrow if the sleds arrive in time.

"It's the first time anything like this has happened to us," Hammond said. "At the moment I haven't even been able to establish whether the sleds are this side or the other side of the Atlantic. We saved ourselves about £2,000 in transportation costs by getting the RAF to fly the sleds to Canada. But it was always on the understanding that if a priority loading came up we would have to make other arrangements for getting them back."

Nick Phipps: kept waiting

The only British driver not affected was Stan Tout, runner-up behind Phipps in last week's British four-man championship in Igls. He was able to practice in his Army sledge yesterday but is not in the British two-man team for this weekend's Veltins Cup.

FISHING

Britain and Ireland lag in salmon conservation

By Conrad Voss Bark

Britain and Ireland were strongly criticized by an American delegate at a recent scientific conference in France attended by all the major countries interested in salmon conservation. Richard A Buck, said Britain and Ireland had not progressed in conservation and the Salmon Bill in the UK Parliament (now an Act) provided no important reductions in catch levels, either commercial or angling.

What was needed, he said, was a long-term plan of stock enhancement instead of the timid proposals put forward in Parliament.

Other nations had done far better. In the United States regulations permitted Atlantic salmon to be taken only by rod and line. In Canada in-river angling catch limits have been drastically reduced, drift netting banned, inshore netting banned entirely in some areas and seasons cut back in others. For Newfoundland, Canada, under a North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization agreement, the autumn commercial fishing has ended to reduce interception of US stocks.

Since the NASCO treaty became operational three years ago there have been two cuts in the Greenland netting quota. The Faroes have also agreed to two cut-backs in catches.

Iceland, said Buck, has given us an exemplary example in conservation. Drift netting is not permitted, neither is commercial in-river netting with the exception of several small traditional stations. Norway has agreed to stop drift netting by January 1989, inshore netting seasons are to be shortened by 1988 and the use of monofilament nets prohibited.

Not only that, Buck said while British and Irish delegates listened gloomily, even the Soviets had now become signatories to the conservation treaty (NASCO) as their salmon frequently come round the North Cape to feed in the Norwegian sea. Like the United States, he went on, the Soviet Union has never permitted fishing for salmon in the ocean, and permits only rod and line taking in rivers.

"Now we come," he went on, "to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, for both of whom the European Economic Community negotiates under NASCO. Sad to say, both these nations which produce about half of the world supply (of salmon), there has been no major forward movement."

Costly programme

A programme of a game between Tottenham Hotspur and Everton played in Buenos Aires in 1909 has been sold for more than £300. It comes from one of the earliest foreign tours

Fisher dies

Dick Fisher, the former England speedway rider and Belle Vue captain, has died, aged 53. Fisher made world final appearances in 1956 and 1964.

SKIING

Depth and age range make Swiss side the favourites

By Ian McMillan

The stop-go World Cup downhill season resumes again on Saturday at Val d'Isère in France with a long list of 19 racers already into the points. Hopes of a regular southern hemisphere autumn leg were finally blown away by an Argentine gale as organizers struggled to complete two downhills planned for the high-altitude Andean resort of Las Lenas back in August.

The two-year experiment was not a total flop but it seemed impossible to get all the right ingredients together to win unanimous support. The Swiss dominated the races and greatly influenced the decision to compete there in the first place. They were always strongly in favour because they have done their summer training in Las Lenas for the past seven years.

So, having become acquainted with the mountains and the freak weather conditions, it is hardly surprising that in this, their second summer home, Swiss competitors won both races this year and last.

Three men, Karl Alpiger, Peter Mueller and Pirmin Zurbriggen, won those races and must start favourites. Alpiger won both races last August and his fellow countrymen one apiece this year. Mueller heads the downhill points tally on 40, having scored a third place as opposed to Zurbriggen's six. At only five points behind, Zurbriggen, aged 23, and the first man to have won on the greatest Hahnenkahm course at Kitzbühel on two consecutive days, has the youth and talent to overtake Mueller at any time.

Mueller, aged 30, is part of an old master group of downhillers who are showing experience can triumph over youth. Leonard Stock, the Austrian who won the gold medal in the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics, never lived up to that achievement and was even dropped from the Austrian team two years ago. Last season, however, he scored consistently in the top five and ended up sixth in the final standings. And in Las Lenas he was the only racer to break the Swiss stranglehold and the only one, other than the Swiss, to get into the top five on both occasions.

The fellow-Austrian, Anton Steiner, the same age as Stock at 28, will be hoping to pull something equally spectacular out of the hat. Steiner has always been knocking on the door but surprisingly unlocked it with a win in Morzine last February.

Zurbriggen has the additional spur of having earned even more points from giant slalom success at Sestriere in Italy last Sunday. He now leads the overall championship with 50 points and, with such success in these other disciplines, this season will see an addition to his confidence, especially when it comes to the Kitzbühel downhill in the last weekend of January.

The other classic, the Lauberhorn at Wengen, on the preceding weekend, will be a dramatic curtain-raiser to the world Alpine championships which open on January 25 in Crans-Montana, Switzerland.

The strength of the Swiss team is further supported by Franz Heinzer, Daniel Marher, and Gustav Ohrli and, with only four places available for the Swiss world championship team, a further spurt of ambition will be injected into their efforts. No other country has so much talent in such numbers. The fight for team places will be fierce and will be conducted on the World Cup rostrum over the next few weeks.

Peter Wirnsberger, of Austria, last year's World Cup champion, on the other hand was way ahead of his Austrian teammate. Stock, however successful, did not win a race and that, for the Austrians — coming second as he did twice — is not really success.

Wirnsberger's performances were miraculous, the high point being a repeat of Zurbriggen's double win on consecutive days on the dreaded Hahnenkahn at Kitzbühel. A late starter, Wirnsberger, aged 27, is an unexpected Austrian hero.

Deiter Bartch, once the trainer for the British team when Konrad Bartelski started out, has recently been appointed as the Austrian supremo and is under no illusions about the kind of age range and depth of his team in comparison to the Swiss side.

The other two notable successes from Argentina were Marc Girardelli, skiing for Luxembourg, and Marcus Wasmaier, of West Germany. Girardelli, aged 23, an Austrian citizen with an Italian name and skiing under Luxemburg's flag of convenience, is, like Zurbriggen, the kind of all-rounder in slalom, giant slalom and downhill that officials and organizers have been praying for since the days of Jean-Claude Killy.

His positions of fourth and tenth in Argentina were an excellent start for the man who has won the overall title three times and both slalom titles two years ago.

Recently, however, his showing in slalom has been a nightmare. Last season he fell or skied out of courses in most of the opening races and in the first race of this season last Saturday he fell badly, dislocating his shoulder.

He skied the following day in the giant slalom but did not make the cut for the second run. Reports from Val d'Isère indicate that he will be competing in the downhill and super giant slalom. And injury or no injury, he, more than anyone, as a lone skier fighting the might of the Austrian machine he refused to join, has his eyes firmly fixed on a repeat of Killy's triple gold achievement in world championships.

Martin Bell, the best British World Cup performer ever, stands at the threshold of a crucial year for him. Aged 22, he does not have to do any better than his four places in the top 10 and one in the top 15 of last season but he cannot afford to do any worse.

World diary

MEN

Dec 5-7: Val d'Isère (Fr): Downhill and slalom.
Dec 14: Val Gardena (It): Downhill.
Dec 19-20: Kranjska Gora (Yug): Slalom.
Jan 10-11: Garmisch-Partenkirchen (WG): Downhill and super giant.
Jan 17-18: Wengen (Switz): Downhill and slalom.
Jan 24-25: Kitzbühel (Austria): Downhill and slalom.
Jan 25-Feb 8: Crans-Montana (Switz): Alpine world championship.
Feb 14: Marksein (Fr): Slalom.
Feb 15: Todtnau (WG): Giant slalom.
Feb 28-Mar 1: Furano (Japan): Downhill and super giant.
Mar 7-8: Aspen (US): Downhill and super giant.
Mar 14-15: Mount Allen (Can): Downhill and super giant.
Mar 20-22: Sarajevo (Yug): Slalom.

WOMEN

Dec 5-6: Waterville Valley (US): Slalom.
Dec 12-14: Arosa (Switz): Downhill and slalom.
Dec 20-21: Valzoldona (It): Slalom.
Jan 10-11: Melley (Austria): Downhill and slalom.
Jan 16-17: Pfronten (WG): Downhill and super giant.
Jan 18: Bischofhwiessen (WG): Downhill and giant slalom.
Jan 25- Feb 8: Crans-Montana (Switz): Alpine world championship.
Feb 13-14: Megève (Fr): Downhill and giant slalom.
Feb 21: Flüeli-im-Entlebuch (Switz): Slalom.
Feb 28-Mar 1: Wiesel (WG): Slalom and giant slalom.
Mar 7-8: Mount Allen (Can): Downhill and super giant.
Mar 20-22: Sarajevo (Yug): Giant slalom.

Bell: everything he needs to seize the chance of a lifetime

RUGBY LEAGUE

Sheridan turns jokes to Doncaster's advantage

Keith Macklin's Diary

The comedians, both professional and amateur, who have fed off Doncaster for years must now look for another easy target after Sunday's shock humbling of Hull Kingston Rovers in the John Player Trophy first round. Here are a few examples of the barbs and goads that the Dons suffered in the long years when they were the Rugby League's equivalent of homeless Dickensian urchins in the workhouse.

"Doncaster's new coach has taken his first training session. He told them to take up their usual positions, and they all ran behind the posts . . ."

"Doncaster have ordered a new grandstand. The setee arrives on Monday . . ."

"Shergar has been found at last. He was discovered grazing on Doncaster's opponents' try line last Sunday . . ."

All this, and much more, as Doncaster, who entered the league in 1951, achieved inclusion in the *Guinness Book of World Records* by losing 40 consecutive games, featured in a gently mickey-taking television documentary, *Another Bloody Sunday*, and turned up week by week to be ritually slaughtered by every other side in the league before attendances of a few hundred.

John Sheridan, the former Castleford forward and Leeds reserve coach, took on the least desirable job in Rubgy League in 1984 and is now in his third season as Doncaster coach. When he arrived at the then aptly named Tatters Field, named after Len Tattersfield, a former player, he found only five registered players, and had to fill the team with amateurs and hasty loaned signings. Since then, rallying to Sheridan's hard work and enthusiasm, changing boards of directors have dipped deep into their pockets to buy shrewdly, pick up bargain free transfers, and sign outstanding young players from successful local amateur clubs.

From Castleford have come experienced players in Ian Birkby, Andrew Timson and Kevin Jones; Kevin Parkhouse is a local lad who has made tremendous strides in the pack, and Neil Turner, a winger who scored a club record 20 tries last season is from a local rugby union club.

Slowly and patiently Sheridan has put the Doncaster act together. At first there were plenty of defeats, but a glimmer of light with an occasional win. Then the victories began to be strung together, and last season the Dons had a tremendous spell when they shot up the second division table, beat Salford in a cup tie at home, and gave tough games to Leeds and St Helens in other cup matches. This season the momentum has continued. Doncaster, after a slow start, are challenging for promotion. Then last Sunday came the 18-14 victory over Hull KR, after which Sheridan said: "This is the greatest day in my rugby career."

Doncaster were bitterly disappointed to be drawn away to Leigh, of the first division in Sunday's John Player second round. Crowd enthusiasm is growing by leaps and bounds at Tatters Field, but they now have no home fixture until early January.

That is, unless they draw or win at Leigh, and there is no doubt that after Sunday's amazing win confidence is high. Says Sheridan: "Obviously we would rather be at home, but if we put our game together and tackle as we did against Rovers we can win." The Dons will not lack support, with ten coachloads of fans making the trip.

● Carlisle have switched to Penrith's ground, 18 miles away, tomorrow — their third attempt to settle the first round John Player Trophy tie with Keighley. Carlisle's pitch was unfit on Sunday and Keighley requested Tuesday's tie postponed because their players were unable to miss work.

BADMINTON

Scots planning revenge

By Richard Eaton

England must beware of an extremely spirited and steadily improving Scotland side that will be determined to avenge themselves for past humiliations tonight at Hereford.

What should make the Scots particularly dangerous is that two years ago the English, after winning all 55 contests between the two countries, decided to downgrade the fixture and describe the team as an "England select".

Since then both matches have ended with a 4-3 scoreline — the Scots being within a single point of victory two years ago at Hinckley — and it is certainly possible that English hearts will be in their mouths again this time.

Scottish ire may not be quite so outspoken as it was, but it is still quite detectable. "We feel sorry for the English players who don't get full caps when they play against us," the coach, Allan Campbell, said. "We are the fourth best side in Europe and we think the gap between us and England has closed. Our whole attitude has changed because we go out there now genuinely believing we can win."

The Scots have a world-class doubles pair in Billy Gilliland and Dan Travers, who are the Commonwealth champions, a good singles player in Alex White, and another good doubles pair in White and Iain Pringle. Unfortunately, Pringle yesterday contracted influenza and had to be replaced by the inexperienced Ross Gladwin — a serious blow for the Scots.

Their best hopes of causing an upset probably rest with White avenging himself on Anders Nielsen, the most promising young player in England, for a recent defeat in the Scottish international championships, and to win two men's doubles and the mixed, in which Gilliland, the former All-England mixed doubles champion, has a new partner in Jennifer Allen.

ENGLAND: Singles: Men: A Nielsen and J Forde. Women: F Elliott. Doubles: Men: R Outterside and M Brown; A Salvage and M Johnson. Women: K Beckman and S Halsall. Mixed: A Goode and Elliott.
SCOTLAND: A White, A Gallagher; J Allen; W Gilliland and D Travers, White and R Gladwin; E Allen and P Hamilton; Gilliland and J Allen.

ATHLETICS

Slaney to miss out

Eugene, Oregon (AP) — Mary Slaney, the world champion at 1,500 and 3,000 metres, is likely to miss the 1987 indoor season because of surgery on her right Achilles tendon. Mrs Slaney, who is also the world record holder for the mile, underwent arthroscopic surgery here a week ago Tuesday to repair damage done to the tendon over the last three years.

She said her choices were to have the operation this autumn and miss at least most of the indoor season or run indoors and sit out the first part of the 1987 outdoor campaign. Mrs Slaney decided to have the surgery now because of the World Championships in Rome next year.

Mrs Slaney, aged 28, had scheduled three meetings this winter, the Pacific Northwest indoor in Portland on January 24, the Sunkist invitational at Los Angeles on January 16 and the Millrose Games.

"The January meets are out, but if the leg progresses fairly rapidly, I might be able to run in some meets at the end of February," she said.

RACING: IRELAND'S LEADING HURDLER STRETCHES UNBEATEN RUN TO FIVE WITH SMOOTH NAAS SUCCESS

...ffan can emphasize strength of Pipe team

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Melendez and High Knowl in his care, Martin Pipe, the successful Somerset trainer, can look forward to plundering more prizes confined to three and four-year-olds this season.

Sold for as little as £10,600 guineas at Ascot in July, Melendez has already proved a bargain by winning his first seven races over hurdles and he may well extend that sequence at Cheltenham on Saturday when he is due to contest the Triumph Hurdle Trial.

At £56,000 guineas, High Knowl was much more expensive when Pipe bought him out of Barry Hills's stable at Newmarket in the autumn. But already that 30-length win at Leicester last Friday has provided welcome justification.

Now, on a much more humble plane, I am hopeful that **Saffan** (nap) will add to the stable's haul, a tally increased still further by Mareth Line at Worcester yesterday, by winning today's Juvenile Novices' Hurdle at Taunton.

The opposition looks modest, to put it mildly, and Saffan, who was successful twice on the Flat for Mark Prescott before changing hands for 31,000 guineas, ought to be good enough to open his account under National Hunt rules.

Running for the first time for his present connections 13 days ago at Newbury, he finished fourth. In the meantime, the winner, Ricmar, has run respectably enough at Sandown while Forcello, who finished just a place behind Saffan at Newbury, was yet another winner for Toby Balding at Worcester yesterday.

With Balding's Fyfield stable in such fine form, no one should be surprised if he wins the Lansdowne Flyol Handicap Hurdle with **Open The Box**. I saw this American-bred seven-year-old run well at Wincanton a week ago when he was runner-up to Timely Star in a better race. Before that Open The Box had won and been placed at Windsor.

Spring Philtre (12.45), from David Elsworth's in-form Whitsbury yard, is my other principal fancy on the West Country course. Running for the first time under National Hunt rules at Wincanton last Thursday, she finished much too strongly for both Black Sheep and Fence Judge, both of whom had adequate form.

Afterwards Elsworth said that Spring Philtre reminded him of Lesley Ann, a good mare that he trained a few seasons back, and that she ought to be capable of winning again just as long as he did not set her sights too high. This then looks an ideal chance.

Fell Climb, who was only narrowly beaten by Queensway Boy at Newbury last month, is just preferred to the recent course and distance winner, Tudor Road, for the Lansdowne Chemical Handicap Chase.

At Uttoxeter, I rather like the look of **Rouspeter** in the December Handicap Chase, even though he is opposed by Celtic Brew and Preben Fur.

After winning at Stratford and Kempton, Rouspeter met his match at Warwick when he took on Indamelody. But with Indamelody winning again since and the third horse, Co Member, scoring in some style at Wincanton, the form looks good enough.

Jennie Pat, a faller on her last visit to the Staffordshire course, returns to try and make amends in the Norbury Novices' Chase. Since making that disastrous start to her chasing career, Jennie Pat has atoned by jumping a clear round at Ayr.

Dunston, who was bought by Alan Bailey for 36,000 guineas at Newmarket earlier this autumn, was good enough on the Flat to suggest he can master his opposition in the Rochester Three-Year-Old Novices' Hurdle.

Arbitrage, an easy winner at the last Taunton meeting, returns there for today's Lansdowne Flyol Handicap Hurdle

£50,000 hurdle is next objective for Dark Raven

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

The £IR50,000 Sean Graham Memorial Hurdle is now the objective for Dark Raven after Bert Firestone's four-year-old had extended his unbeaten jumping record to five in the Newbridge Hurdle at Naas yesterday.

Dark Raven, despite having had two good runs on the Flat at the end of the season, was still strongly opposed by the Irish bookmakers and finished up joint-favourite at even money with the Sweeps Hurdle winner, Bonalma.

For once their usually acute intelligence service let them down as Bonalma was patently in need of the outing and faded away on the flat to be beaten a total of 9½ lengths by Dark Raven.

The winner began to close on the pacemaking outsider, Strike A Point, after the third last flight and led over the second last. Thereafter Tommy Carmody did not need to be hard on his mount to contain the challenge of another four-year-old, Junior Citizen, who was in receipt of 8lb. The winning margin was 1½ lengths.

"The race at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting will tell us where we stand vis-a-vis the Champion Hurdle," Dermot Weld said afterwards. However, the trainer has yet to be convinced that Dark Raven, despite being unbeaten, deserves to be second favourite for the Cheltenham race.

The Racing Board chairman, Mr Michael Smurfit, who owns a share in Dark Raven, is reported to be making a good recovery after undergoing back surgery in Los Angeles last week.

Another Cheltenham aspirant, Kissane, had earlier taken a lot of money out of the Irish ring with a very easy victory in the 25-runner Town Maiden Hurdle.

Derby deal extended

Ever Ready will sponsor the Derby until 1991. In a deal announced today, the parent company, Hanson Trust, will be involved in all three days of the Epsom meeting, having added the Coronation Cup to the Derby and Oaks which they have supported for the last three years. The new deal will take their total investment at the Surrey track to over £5 million.

Next year's Ever Ready Derby on June 3 will have an estimated value of £420,000, the Gold Seal Oaks £220,000 and the Hanson Trust Coronation Cup £100,000, a 21 per cent increase in prize money over this year.

The company will continue its annual donation to the planned redevelopment throughout the new sponsorship period.

Harnett's enterprise seals Australian win

A fine opportunist ride by Nick Harnett clinched a 52-40 win for the Australian jockeys over their British counterparts in the fourth and final leg of the series at Worcester yesterday.

Harnett, drawn to partner *Legal Sugar*, ignored the instructions of trainer John Manners to drop the horse in behind and instead made almost all the running for a decisive victory. Legal Sugar had never won a race before.

Manners said: "I thought the Aussie probably hadn't understood my Wiltshire accent when I was trying to tell him what to do," but Harnett would have none of it, saying: "I understood him all right, but I've never paid much attention to instructions."

Harnett can be forgiven his belief in his own ability. He had won the previous round on Tashonya at Hereford on Tuesday and was clearly brimming with confidence, despite this being the only race of the competition to be run over fences.

The ebullient Manners, who farms near Swindon, was saddling his first winner for three years, but he will always be associated with a remarkable and bizarre incident at Cheltenham several years ago.

The day after his marriage he saddled Knight of Love to win at Cheltenham, and as the horse came up the run-in with victory assured he jumped the running rail and raced onto the track, arms waving, to roar further encouragement.

Newmarket trainer David Ringer's luck has taken a turn for the better recently. He notched his fifth success of the season, comparaed with just one last term, when Whither Goest Thou won the Stretton Leisure Handicap Hurdle.

Destroy, partnered by Colin Brown was first past the post, but had jumped left at the last across Whither Goest Thou, whose rider Declan Murphy had to switch before rallying superbly to cut the deficit to a neck.

Murphy's objection was upheld and the stewards reversed the first two placings, ruling that the interference, although accidental, had affected the result.

American owner Peter Thompson flew in especially to see Knock Hill contest the Long Haul Handicap Chase, and the 6-4 favourite did his bit handsomely, beating Play The Knave by five lengths.

RACING IN BRIEF

Avery fined

Stephen Avery, the former trainer, has been fined £50 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee after admitting being in breach of rule 113 concerning the ownership of one of the horses he trained, Edwards Corner. The committee found that Avery, his father, Bryan, and owner, Paul Burman, had not broken rules concerning the ownership of another horse, Greenacres Joy.

Evening dates

There will be more evening racing at Chepstow next year. The evening fixture last July, the first on the course for over 20 years, was so successful that three evening meetings will be staged next year on May 12, June 12 and July 23.

Welsh leader

Two Coppers, runner-up to Broadheath in the Hennessy Gold Cup, is 9-1 favourite with the sponsors for the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow on December 20. The Grand National winner, West Tip, is a 16-1 chance to defy top weight.

Ascot sponsors

Bollinger Champagne, who have sponsored the National Hunt jockeys' championship for the last 24 years, are to extend their involvement in the sport by supporting a novice chase at Ascot on April 15. The race, over 2½ miles, will carry added prize money of £15,000.

Stalker sold

Stalker, who won the Gimcrack and Middle Park Stakes for Peter Walwyn as a two-year-old, has been sold privately and will stand at Martyn McEnery's Rossenarra Stud in Co. Kilkenny. This was the stud where the triple Grand National winner, Red Rum, was bred.

Hexham first

Yesterday's racing at Hexham was abandoned because of high winds — the first meeting lost this season. The northern jockey, Chris Grant, who walked the course with the stewards, said: "I would not want to ride out there. It would be very dangerous. Two fences in the back straight are particularly vulnerable to gusting cross winds."

HOCKEY

Colclough makes his bench mark

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge University ... 1
Guildford ... 3

Tony Colclough, a Welsh international, took the field as a substitute, scored twice and transformed defeat into victory for Guildford over Cambridge University at Fenner's yesterday. Guildford, maintaining their unbeaten record, moved up to second place on the Pizza Express London League table with a percentage of 88.88, behind Teddington, who have a 100 per cent record.

For the first quarter of an hour Guildford controlled, Organ striking up good combinations with Williams and Naylor. After that Cambridge, inspired by Stenner's authority in midfield, took up the running and Shafiq at centre forward became a constant threat to the Guildford defence.

Cambridge nearly scored in the eighteenth minute from the second of three short corners. The ball was cleverly worked to Cootes, whose attempt to score, however, was frustrated near the line by Naylor.

Persistence paid Cambridge a rich dividend when they took the lead in the 29th minute, Stenner setting up a chance for Shafiq to draw the goalkeeper out and score. Cambridge were overjoyed three minutes after the interval when Ghauri raced away on the right and hit the target. But the umpires conferred after one of them had spotted a midfield infringement by Cambridge and the game was restarted by a free hit to Guildford.

Up to that time nothing had gone right for Guildford, who took off Williamson and brought on Colclough. He was successful in the tenth minute of the second half from Guildford's first short corner of the match, rushing in to push the ball across the line after the shot by Cairns from the top of the circle had been deflected by a defender's stick.

Five minutes later, with some help from Knapp, Colclough raced through the middle and scored at the second attempt, his first shot having come back off the crossbar.

In the closing minutes Cambridge forced two short corners but could make nothing of them and almost on time Bowerman scored off a long corner for Guildford.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *S Wilson (Christ's Hospital and Magdalene); *G Simmon (KCS Wimbledon and Downing), *M Partington (Millfield and Emmanuel), *R Pughe (Wellington and Fitzwilliam), E Castenskiold (Bedford and Magdalene), *J Stenner (Perse and Magdalene), C Bell (Bedford and Magdalene), *P Cootes (Portsmouth HS and Magdalene), *S Ghauri (Kingston GS and St Catharine's), *A Shafiq (Caterham and Downing), *G Pitcher (St Albans and St Catharine's).
GUILDFORD: T Read; I Carley, A Cairns, G Bowerman, H Ferguson, K Gribble, D Williams, R Organ, M Williamson (sub: T Colclough), J Naylor, D Knapp.
Umpires: B Anderson (Eastern Counties) and I Marsh (Southern Counties).
* A Blue

● In the remaining London League match yesterday Oxford University defeated London University 4-2 at the Parks, Oxford.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Blackpool forced to play safe

By Keith Macklin

Blackpool Borough have been forced to switch Sunday's attractive John Player Special Trophy second-round game with Hull to the Boulevard because safety restrictions have reduced their ground's capacity to slightly less than 2,000.

The consolation for Borough is that Hull will probably attract an attendance of about 6,000, providing a much bigger share of the receipts than Borough could have expected at home.

This season's Challenge Cup, sponsored by Silk Cut, will have a record entry of 38 clubs, including the four top amateur sides, who have achieved a cherished ambition by being restored to the competition.

The amateur clubs will be this year's winners of the Cumbria, Lancashire and Yorkshire cups and Heworth, of York, who led the new national amateur league table on December 1.

Mark Elia, the New Zealand centre who has played only 15 minutes for St Helens because of hamstring trouble, is to fly home by mutual agreement. However, Alex Murphy, the St Helens coach, says the player will be welcomed back if he is fit to start next season.

Carlisle and Keighley attempt to settle their John Player Trophy first-round tie at the third attempt tonight. The match was originally scheduled to be played last Sunday, but was postponed because Carlisle's pitch was unfit, while on Tuesday the game was called off at Keighley's request, because their players were unable to get time off work.

With Carlisle's pitch still waterlogged, however, the match has been moved to Penrith's ground, 18 miles away.

TAUNTON

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Spring Philtre. 1.15 Lucky Four. 1.45 Jimmy Edwards. 2.15 SAFFAN (nap). 2.45 Fell Climb. 3.15 Open The Box.

By Michael Seely

12.45 Moon Jester. 2.45 FELL CLIMB (nap). 3.15 Arbitrage.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

12.45 DONYATT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE (£613: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

2	1	MOON JESTER (J White) C Holmes 6-11-7	D Morris	94	11-4
3	1	SPRING PHILTRE (C Best) D Elsworth 4-11-2	P Holley	● 99	F2-1
4	0	ABBEYDORE (G Powell) T Bailey 4-10-11	—	—	—
6	4	BILLY WHITESHOES (D Sprague) L Cottrell 4-10-11	—	—	12-1
10		COUNT DERRY (N Viney) D Elsworth 6-10-11	—	—	6-1
13		KILIMANJARO BOB (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-10-11	J Lower	—	5-1
16	0/0	MISTER PRELUDE (A Newcombe) R Hodges 6-10-11	W Irvine	—	10-1
20	P0	STOCKBROKER (R Frost) R Frost 4-10-11	C Hopwood	—	—
22		TIDWORTH TATTOO (T Baker) J Baker 7-10-11	L Harvey	—	14-1
23	P-0	TIM BOBBIN (B Moore) J Bradley 4-10-11	D Tegg	—	—
26		BANKERS ZIPPER (W Brooks) N Ayliffe 5-10-6	R Sparks	—	—
27		CRAWTERS MISS (B Stevens) R Shepherd 5-10-6	D Wells	—	—
34	3	TAFFYS PRIDE (R Ridout) I Wardle 4-10-6	K Townend	87	12-1
35	00	VALRACH (R Starks) G Ham 4-10-6	C Warren	—	—

1985: No corresponding race

FORM MOON JESTER (11-0), despite mistakes at the last 2, had 6l to spare over Riverside Writer (10-11) at Southwell (2m, £685, soft, Nov 24, 12 ran). SPRING PHILTRE (10-3) beat Black Sheep (10-8) ¾l at Wincanton (2m, £663, good to soft, Nov 27, 16 ran). TAFFY'S PRIDE (10-8) was 21l 3rd to Fogar (11-0) at Newton Abbot with BILLY WHITESHOES (11-0) a distance away in 4th (2m 150y, £1264, good to firm, Oct 14, 8 ran). TIDWORTH TATTOO a useful performer on the Flat, has only had one run over hurdles and finished (11-0) down the field behind Benfen (11-0) and Wollow Will (11-3) at Liverpool in 1983 (2m, £8450, soft, Apr 8, 9 ran). VALRACH (10-5) was in touch for a long way before finishing in rear behind Annie Ra (10-5) at Wincanton (2m, £759, good to soft, Nov 13, 23 ran).
Selection: MOON JESTER

1.15 WATCHET NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £391: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1	0-0	ARENA AUCTION (Mrs S Pattemore) S Pattemore 10-12	C Gray	90	6-1
2	F0	COPGROVE (Mrs F Bowden) P Bowden 10-12	R Dennis (4)	● 99	6-1
3	0-0	DONNA'S BOY (Mrs E Heal) Mrs E Heal 10-12	R Millman	—	12-1
4	PP-	HEATHGRIFF (J Livock) D Tucker 10-12	B Powell	—	F7-4
5	0	JACQUES SOLEIL (B) (R Brazington) R Brazington 10-12	R J Beggan	—	12-1
6	0	CARLOPS (G Salter) Mrs A Knight 10-7	George Knight	—	16-1
7	UP-	DOMTONY (Mrs J George) J George 10-7	K Mooney	—	16-1
8		LUCKY FOUR (F Playford) M Pipe 10-7	J Lower (4)	—	9-4
10	P-0P0PF	WIRRAL (A Peachey) W Charles 10-7	Mr A Kelleway (7)	—	20-1

1985: No corresponding race

FORM ARENA AUCTION did not run well on reappearance last year (10-10) finishing 40l 6th to Corzeiro (10-10) here (2m 1f, £509, good to firm, Sept 25, 12 ran). COPGROVE (11-7) never close enough to strike a blow when 7th to Bellekino (11-2) in a seller at Ludlow (2m, £846, good, Nov 26, 18 ran). DONNA'S BOY was always in rear on seasonal debut. Last season (10-7) finished a well-beaten 8th to Honeyman at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, £748, good to firm, Aug 15, 12 ran). LUCKY FOUR (10-11) made some late progress but still finished out of the first 9 in a NH Flat race won by Autumn Sport (11-8) at Bangor (2m 6f £1173, good, Nov 7, 20 ran).
Selection: ARENA AUCTION

1.45 ISEFLO IODINE CHALLENGE CUP NOVICE CHASE (£1,772: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1	010PP0	SALTHOUSE (C) (R Turvey) C Popham 9-12-0	—	—	10-1
2	00B-301	JIMMY EDWARDS (D) (Dr D Chesney) D Chesney 5-11-12	Dr D Chesney	96	F9-4
3	214P0/P	AIRWAIR (Mrs M Langley-Pope) R Hodges 7-11-7	B Powell	—	14-1
4	0PP/P-00	BIDDLESWAY (Mrs I Millar) W Fisher 11-11-7	—	—	—
6	UP4PFP	CUDDLY BEAR (J Pearn) N Ayliffe 8-11-7	L Bloomfield (4)	87	—
9	204-300	FOLLY HILL (Mrs P Garner) G Thorner 6-11-7	M Richards	—	5-1
12	0PP00-F	MARCH FANDANGO (A Congdon) A Congdon 7-11-7	Mr B Towers	—	—
13	04142/0	MRS SEAGULL (H Handel) H Handel 8-11-7	Miss H Handel	—	—
15	4022/04-	SCALE THE HEIGHTS (P Buckley) P Duggins 7-11-7	—	92	—
16	340000	BROCHE (T Bish) K Bishop 5-11-5	C Cox (4)	92	12-1
17	0400-44	BURNS LAD (BF) (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 5-11-5	M Kinane	82	16-1
22	P0P-0PF	SAM'S FRIEND (Mrs B Suchanek) Mrs J Barrow 5-11-5	Peter Hobbs	—	—
24	0F-4003	HOPEFUL CHIMES (Mrs J Duckett) R Dickin 7-11-2	C Jones	97	3-1
26	40332F-	LUCKY GOLD (P Taplin) Miss L Bower 9-11-2	R Rowell	● 99	7-1

1985: No corresponding race

FORM JIMMY EDWARDS (11-5) hung on to beat Invisible Ring (11-5) a neck with BURNS LAD (11-5) 16l away 4th, HOPEFUL CHIMES (11-2) 7th, BIDDLESWAY (11-7) 9th, SALTHOUSE (12-0) behind, CUDDLY BEAR (11-7) pulled up and MARCH FANDANGO (11-7) an 8th fence faller here (2m 1f, £1719, good to soft, Nov 20, 14 ran). Subsequently HOPEFUL CHIMES (10-9) 11½l 3rd to Cantabile (10-9) with BROCHE (11-0) 5l back in 5th and SAM'S FRIEND (11-0) a 3rd last faller at Ludlow (2m, £1487, good, Nov 26, 12 ran). FOLLY HILL's (10-10) best effort this season was on reappearance when 22½l 3rd to Honeygrove Banker (11-4) at Kempton (2m H, £3681, good, Oct 18, 5 ran). LUCKY GOLD (10-10) 1½l 4th to Miss Maina (10-10) at Windsor (2m, £1519, good to soft, Nov 17, 13 ran).
Selection: LUCKY GOLD

2.15 JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £575: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

10		MURHAF (J Joseph) R Frost 10-7	J Frost	—	—
11		OLYMPIC EAGLE (J Nutt) S Christian 10-7	R J Beggan	—	7-1
12	0	OUR TILLY (M Channon) J Baker 10-7	C Brown	—	8-1
13	0	PRIOK (W Wightman) W Wightman 10-7	M Harrington	—	12-1
14		QUICKEN THE BID (H Perry) N Mitchell 10-7	S Powell	—	—
15		ROYAL BATTERY (R Cottle) D Barons 10-7	P Nicholls	—	6-1
16		ROYAL BERKS (R Richards) L Cottrell 10-7	C Gray	—	—
17	4	SAFFAN (BF) (F Starr) M Pipe 10-7	P Scudamore	● 99	F5-4
21		SIR BRETT (J Livock) D Tucker 10-7	N Coleman	—	10-1
25	F	WILLOWESQ (R Dickin) R Dickin 10-7	C Jones	—	—
26		BERNIGRA GIRL (I Abrahams) Mrs A Knight 10-2	George Knight	—	—
27	0	CLEAVAGE (Mrs G Balding) G Balding 10-2	A Charlton (7)	—	7-2
29		GOLDEN AZELIA (R Brazington) R Brazington 10-2	R J Beggan	—	—
34		TAIS TOI (E Bristowe) B Venn 10-2	J H Davies	—	—

1985: WATFORD GAP 10-7 Miss S Lawrence (16-1) N Gaselee 16 ran

FORM SAFFAN is the only horse in this race with any worthwhile form over hurdles. That was (11-0) a creditable 15¾l 3rd to the improving Ricmar (11-0) in a Newbury novice hurdle (2m, £1878, soft, Nov 21, 15 ran). Lesser efforts have been produced by OUR TILLY (10-10) out of the frame behind Golden Croft (10-10) at Plumpton (2m, £685, soft, Nov 26, 15 ran), and PRIOK (11-0) out of the frame behind Ricmar (11-0) and SAFFAN (11-0) at Newbury. OLYMPIC EAGLE, SIR BRETT and TAIS TOIS are likely to prove best of the debutants.
Selection: SAFFAN

2.45 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,289: 3m 1f) (6 runners)

2	0-41330	BICKLEIGH BRIDGE (CD) (S Burfield) J Roberts 12-11-10	D Morris (7)	93	7-2
4	33-1F32	FELL CLIMB (B,D) (C Henty) P Bailey 6-10-9	K Mooney	● 99	5-2
6	4420-P0	NOTRE CHEVAL (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 7-10-7	Peter Hobbs	92	10-1
7	030-221	TUDOR ROAD (CD) (A Stoddart) L Kennard 11-10-2 (7ex)	B Powell	94	F2-1
10	343143	WEE WILLIAM (B Hicks) J Bradley 9-10-0	G Davies	88	10-1
12	P40PP/P	GILDED GOLD (L Waring) L Waring 10-10-0	George Knight	—	20-1

1985: CROWNING MOMENT 10-10-0 K Mooney (7-2) I Wardle 9 ran

FORM BICKLEIGH BRIDGE (10-7) below form when last of 7 to Broadheath (10-7) at Wincanton (3m 1f, good to soft). Previously (10-6) 15l 3rd to Celtic Slave at Chepstow (3m, £3023, good to soft, Nov 1, 5 ran). FELL CLIMB (10-1) found little close home when 1½l 2nd to Queensway Boy (10-4) at Newbury (3m, £10423, good to soft, Nov 21, 10 ran). TUDOR ROAD (10-10) quickened clear on flat to beat Debt Follower (11-4) ¾l with NOTRE CHEVAL (11-8) 26l behind in 6th and GILDED GOLD (10-4) pulled up over this course and distance (£2378, good to soft, Nov 20, 10 ran). WEE WILLIAM (10-7) 14½l 3rd to Final Clear (10-7) at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, £2065, firm, Nov 10, 5 ran).
Selection: FELL CLIMB

3.15 LANSDOWNE FLYOL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,348: 2m 1f) (16 runners)

1	01033-0	CRADLE OF JAZZ (K Britten) J Old 6-11-10	S Sherwood	94	12-1
2	321-132	OPEN THE BOX (B) (S Mason) G Balding 7-11-9	A Charlton (7)	95	11-2
4	03210-0	MIGHTY STEEL (CD) (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 6-11-8	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (7)	● 99	8-1
5	02443-0	SEA PENNANT (I Jones) I Jones 10-11-5	C Evans (4)	96	10-1
7	04/040-F	CELTIC HONEY (Mrs J Collins) G Kindersley 6-10-12	P Scudamore	92	—
8	0022/4U-	THE THUNDERER (Sir G Brunton) D Elsworth 6-10-12	C Brown	—	12-1
9	040-036	SUNSHINE GAL (D) (T Parkins) P Bowden 8-10-11	R Dennis (4)	94	14-1
11	022243	THE DIPLOMAT (T Fry) W Kemp 8-10-9	S Shilston	98	7-1
12	P03001	ARBITRAGE (CD) (D Bay) B Forsey 5-10-9 (7ex)	N Coleman	98	F4-1
13	00-1322	HANDY LANE (A Stoddart) L Kennard 5-10-8	B Powell	93	9-2
14	P0/F	AVERNUS (L G Kimber Eng Ltd) T Forster 7-10-7	H Davies	—	—
17	313000	CORAL HARBOUR (CD) (S Middleton) I Wardle 4-10-4	K Townend (7)	93	16-1
18	3004-03	THE ENID (G Groves) S Dow 6-10-3	M Bastard	97	—
20	0-20022	REDGRAVE GIRL (CD) (Mrs B Kirkman) K Bishop 4-10-0	S Earle (4)	97	14-1
21	0/0004-0	BUCKMINSTER BOY (Mrs M Bowden) J Honeyball 5-10-0	Peter Hobbs	83	—
22	4100-00	SHUTTLECOCK STAR (A Caton) J Bridger 4-10-0	M Kinane	89	—

1985: No corresponding race

FORM OPEN THE BOX is an admirably consistent performer; (10-8) beat Pip (10-1) and CRADLE OF JAZZ (11-8), a firm ground specialist, 5l and a head respectively at Warwick (2m, £1741, good, May 24, 5 ran). SUNSHINE GAL's (10-8) best effort this season is 20l 3rd to Upham Gamble (11-0) at Devon (2m 1f, £1923, soft, Nov 11, 17 ran). ARBITRAGE (10-2) returned to form when beating REDGRAVE GIRL (10-3) 10l at this course with MIGHTY STEEL (11-8) a distant 8th, and CORAL HARBOUR (10-5) and BUCKMINSTER BOY (10-2) behind (2m 1f, £2254, good to soft, Nov 20, 16 ran). HANDY LANE (11-3) a promising 1½l 2nd to Beech Grove (10-12) here (2m 1f, £367, good to soft, Nov 20, 13 ran). THE ENID (10-0) ran to form when 4¾l 3rd to Tawny Spirit (10-11) with THE DIPLOMAT (10-0) 1½l back in 4th, Towcester (2m, £1878, good, Nov 13, 10 ran).
Selection: ARBITRAGE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
N Lee-Judson	5	13	38.5	C Brown	14	94	14.9
S Pattemore	11	31	35.5	N Coleman	9	61	14.8
M Pipe	28	168	16.7	P Nicholls	8	56	14.3
L Kennard	14	105	13.3	Peter Hobbs	6	53	11.3
D Elsworth	5	46	10.9	B Powell	9	100	9.0
I Wardle	5	52	9.6				

Only qualifiers

UTTOXETER

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Aldro. 1.30 Jennie Pat. 2.00 Rouspeter. 2.30 Cape Town Girl. 3.00 Dunston. 3.30 Spanish Reel.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 SPANISH REEL.

Going: soft (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

1.0 SUDBURY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,620: 2m) (8 runners)

1	2/312-02	ALDRO (CD) (P Riley) W Clay 10-12-0	M Bowlby	97	7-2
4	F0/3-04F	THE SMALL MIRACLE (D,BF) (D Pickles) N Bycroft 8-11-2	C Dennis (7)	88	6-1
5	3F12	WILD ARGOSY (D,BF) (J Davidson) T Bill 7-11-0 (7ex)	N Fearn	92	F5-4
6	30200-4	REAY'S SONG (D) (M Naughton) M Naughton 12-10-4	D Hogg (7)	96	4-1
7	004U14	SLIEVE BRACKEN (B,D) (W Bethell) P Blockley 10-10-2		● 99	8-1
8	0P20-P0	SHANNIE (O O'Neill) O O'Neill 7-10-0	P Grassick	97	12-1
10	2FU00-0	ROCKMAN (Mrs P Rigby) Mrs P Rigby 8-10-0	D Hood (7)	90	—
11	00F3/4P-	CHAMP CHICKEN (Champ Chicken Co Ltd) D McCain 7-10-0	A Murphy (7)	—	—

1985: FLYING MISTRESS 7-10-0 M Jenkins (4-1) J Webber 8 ran

1.30 NORBURY NOVICE CHASE (£2,804: 3m 2f) (16 runners)

1	420F-21	BACKLOG (J Dalton) J Dalton 8-11-6	M Dwyer	93	6-1
3	341132	LORD LAURENCE (D,BF) (Mrs L Dealey) D Gandolfo 7-11-6	R Dunwoody	98	3-1
6	0-4301	SPARTAN ORIENT (H Geddes) J King 10-11-3	S McNeill	98	4-1
7	3421-F1	JENNIE PAT (J Thompson Farms Ltd) G Richards 8-11-1	P Tuck	● 99	F5-2
9	0R4/U-	CARDEN SPIRIT (W White) R Francis 7-10-12	S J O'Neill	—	—
10	000-U2F	DEEP AUBURN (Mrs N Parish) J Parish 7-10-12	N Fearn (7)	—	—
11	0F4-2R3	FIFTY BUCKS (B) (E Wheatley) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-12	S Morshead	91	8-1
12	PFPU0/3	GENERAL SANDY (Miss A Chiltern-Hunt) J Bosley 8-10-12	M Bosley (4)	76	—
14	30F-00F	HAWORTH PARK (J Wright) G Ham 7-10-12	P Dever	90	—
15	042422	JAPLING (J Thomas) J Thomas 8-10-12	—	86	10-1
18	444000-	LE SARTHOIS (B) (B Lay) B Lay 9-10-12	Mr A Lay (7)	90	—
19	0/FU	SAMMY DRAKE (G Thorp) R Lee 9-10-12	B Dowling (7)	—	—
20	322PP/P	SEVEN ACRES (G Babbage) Mrs M Babbage 8-10-12	N Babbage	—	—
22		COOLEK (R Burton) Mrs W Sykes 10-10-7	C Smith	—	—
23	404/F4-0	LIQUER CANDY (Mrs A Walesham) J Webber 7-10-7	G Mernagh	—	—
25	0/0P0P-3	OUR GRACIE (B Colohan) T Bulgin 7-10-7	B de Haan	95	12-1

1985: GALESBURG 6-10-12 D Browne (4-5 fav) N Gaselee 12 ran

2.0 DECEMBER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,208: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

3	P0-0303	PAN ARCTIC (Mrs R Bill) T Bill 7-11-7	R Crank	93	6-1
4	3212/1-2	CELTIC BREW (D,BF) (Maj F Phillips) Mrs M Rimell 9-11-5	S Morshead	98	F2-1
5	040-112	ROUSPETER (D) (E Young) D Nicholson 9-11-3	R Dunwoody	91	4-1
7	144P-22	PREBEN FUR (D) (W Peacock) G Richards 9-11-2	P Tuck	95	3-1
8	1P4-PU0	EMMASON (D) (G Barley) J Spearing 11-11-0	A Webb	90	—
10	00F02P-	DINGBAT (D) (T Raggett) Mrs S Davenport 10-10-10	P Warner	93	—
12	1000PP-	LEGATE (R Juchnson Houghton) J Old 9-10-3	Mr G Johnson Houghton	● 99	12-1
13	001-U43	MARINA STAR (C Sanderson) O O'Neill 7-10-2	C Smith	90	8-1
16	122-04U	ALICE'S BOY (Mrs S Roberts) R Francis 5-10-0	S J O'Neill	—	7-6

1985: PREMIER CHARLIE 7-10-8 G Bradley (13-2) M Hinchliffe 7 ran

2.30 CUBLEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£790: 2m) (13 runners)

2	000-2F1	NABEEH (D) (M Bray-Cotton) W Clay 4-11-8 (6ex)	Diane Clay (7)	● 99	5-1
4	0010-23	KAM HILL (D) (B Culley) O Brennan 4-11-7	M Brennan	91	4-1
5	UF-0000	SHARED EXPERIENCE (R Dowsett) R Hartop 5-11-6	R Crank	90	—
6	443-0F0	HOOTON LANE (B) (P Christoforou) Miss A King 5-11-2	P Dever	91	—
7	000/0-	LYSITHEA (R Heddich) T Bulgin 5-11-2	B de Haan	92	—
8	000210	CAPE TOWN GIRL (D) (M Bowker) M Bowker 4-11-2	C Grant	92	10-1
10	42/0-004	COUL WOLLOW (D Jones) B Cambidge 5-10-11	Mr J Cambidge (4)	84	8-1
11	04030-	KUWAIT LEEL (A Morris) F Jordan 4-10-10	C Smith	87	—
12	F-00BP	SILENT SHADOW (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 5-10-9	T Bathe (7)	—	—
13	P0-00P9	SECRET SIOUX (B) (B Derbyshire) D McCain 4-10-9	A Murphy (7)	—	12-1
14	PP00P-P	GLENN'S SLIPPER (D Edwards) M Eckley 5-10-9	A O'Hagen	—	—
16	0300-02	KAMAROCK (Mrs C Carson) C Spares 4-10-9	N Carson (7)	90	F3-1
17	040044	DR CORNELIUS (B) (F Barton) F Barton 5-10-9	Mr J Osbourne (7)	89	6-1

1985: BURLEY HILL LASS 4-10-7 P Tuck (10-1) R Woodhouse 13 ran

3.0 ROCESTER NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1	01	CORNISH PRINCE (M Haywood) W Wharton 11-2	S J O'Neill	90	F3-1
3	03	BOLD IN COMBAT (J Browne Con Co Ltd) T Casey 10-10	R Dunwoody	98	7-2
6	00	COUTURE COLOR (Couture Marketing Ltd) J Mackie 10-10	M Bosley (4)	85	—
7		DUNSTON (T Ramsden) A Bailey 10-10	G McCourt	—	13-2
9	0	GARTHMAN (J Measures) P Felgate 10-10	S Johnson	90	—
11		GUNNER MAC (F McHale) N Bycroft 10-10	C Grant	—	—
14	0	IDLE SONG (Mrs L Rudd) R Hollinshead 10-10	P Dever	—	12-1
16	294342	KLOSTERBRAU (Mrs P Joynes) J Spearing 10-10	S Morshead	93	8-1
18	3	RAFFLES ROGUE (D Redmile) M Camacho 10-10	M Dwyer	● 99	4-1
19		SONNENDEW (Miss M Strickland) R Woodhouse 10-10	D Dutton	—	—
20	00	STRAW FOX (N Smith) N A Smith 10-10	Mr M Wallings	—	—
22	020	CITY AND SUBURBAN (R Slade) R Juckes 10-5	Lorne Vincent	82	—
24	P	KNOCKALENA (W Easom) H Fleming 10-5	M Pepper	—	—
25		MISS ARON (I Dowell) H Whiting 10-5	K Sims	—	—
26		MY ANNADETSKY (A Thomas) J Harris 10-5	J A Harris	—	—
29	0	STANDON MILL (R Whalley) J Wilson 10-5	Mrs G Rees	—	—

1985: IBN MAJED 10-10 J McLaughlin (12-1) C Spares 15 ran

3.30 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,774: 2m) (11 runners)

2	1103-00	WARWICK SUITE (V,D) (P Davies) M Naughton 11-7	M Hammond	86	—
4	0332-0	LINFAST (B) (E Lodge) J Perrett 11-4	Steve Knight	82	—
5	00321-	SYRINX (F Barlow) M Naughton 11-2	R Stronge	89	10-1
6	24-3112	SPANISH REEL (D,BF) (S Davies) J Edwards 11-2	P Barton	● 98	F6-4
7	100041-	TOPSOIL (D) (T Ramsden) D Wintle 11-1	A Carroll	84	12-1
8	0000-14	PEACE TERMS (D) (J Ennis) G Richards 11-1	P Tuck	84	11-2
12	310002-	HICKLING SQUIRES (D) (Hickling & Squires Ltd) W Wharton 10-12	S J O'Neill	92	4-1
13	B3-200	BUTTS BAY (P Carter) J Old 10-10	C Llewellyn (7)	83	—
14	02042-0	JELLEAR (G A Farndon Eng Co Ltd) R Woodhouse 10-8	D Dutton	83	—
15	230-03	CONTACT KELVIN (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 10-3	C Grant	82	8-1
16	00310-0	KHATTI HAWK (B,D) (N Townsend) C James 10-0	—	82	—

1985: MERRY JANE 10-10 K Burke (8-1) E Owen Jun 14 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
G Richards	11	36	30.6	P Barton	8	39	20.5
J Webber	12	43	27.9	R Crank	20	119	16.8
J Edwards	11	48	22.9	G McCourt	6	36	16.7
R Francis	7	35	20.0	P Warner	6	41	14.6
T Bill	8	42	19.0	S J O'Neill	15	132	11.4
Mrs M Rimell	8	56	14.3				

Only qualifiers

Worcester results

Going: good to soft

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, FORCELLO (G Bradley, 3-1); 2, Spring Palm (K Ryan, 50-1); 3, Splendid Magnolia (J Lower, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Framlington Court (5th), 4 Sir Percy (6th), 9-2 King's Crusade (4th), 20 Rectory Boy, Sell It Kilroy, 25 Burning Bright, Cuckoo In The Nest, Rue St Jacques, 33 Fingest, Mabel Alice, Sahraan, 50 Dic Tarquin, Rubus, Jane Craig, Miss Haymore, Suntan, Tudor d'Or. 20 ran. 2l, 2½l, nk, hd, 6l. G Balding at Weyhill. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £12.50, £2.50. DF: £171.50. CSF: £155.86.

1.0 (2m ch) 1, ATATAHO (N Fearn, 10-11 fav); 2, Chelsea Island (G Landau, 3-1); 3, Spartan Native (D Morris, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Beech Copse (4th). 4 ran. 12l, 8l, dist. J Roberts at Taunton. Tote: £1.80. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.61.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, MARETH LINE (P Leach, 9-4); 2, Fort Line (C Cox, 8-1); 3, Stormguard (Steve Knight, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Plaid (4th), 12 Frangnito, 14 Hankley Down, 16 Rivers Nephew (6th), 20 Arabian Blues (5th), 25 Kellyann, On Impulse (pu), 33 Helvick Bay (pu), Rickeston Lad (pu), 50 Atromitos, Elfast, Frank Dale (pu), Ocean Lad, Saxelbye Park (pu), Scarborough, Stardust Roc, Raj Kumari (pu). 20 ran. 15l, 12l, 5l, 7l, 4l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £4.40, £2.00. DF: £100.20. CSF: £22.94.

2.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, LEGAL SUGAR (N Harnett, 14-1); 2, Doubleagain (R Dunwoody, 9-4 fav); 3, Membridge (P Barton, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3 High Ridge (f), 8 Royal Manx (4th), 10 Crowecopper (5th), 14 Take A Bow (pu), Polar Express (pu). 8 ran. 10l, 8l, 15l, 10l. H Manners at Swindon. Tote: £16.80; £3.80, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £10.10. CSF: £42.44.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, WHITHER GOEST THOU (D Murphy, 8-1); 2, Destroy (C Brown, 14-1); 3, Bold Illusion (B Dowling, 7-1); 4, Auntie Dot (G Mernagh, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Suez (6th), 7 Bold Roderick, 8 Pearl Run, 9 How Now, 12 Cruden Bay, End Of The Road (5th), 20 Ensigns Kit, General Breyfax, Morning Line, Rising Sovereign, 33 Cons Pal, Dalbury, Steamy, Spend Easy, Wiltshire Yeoman, 50 Last Trail, Keep Sauntering, Attain, Barrera Lad, Snowball Jim. 24 ran. nk, 5l, hd, nk, 1l. D Ringer at Newmarket. Tote: £19.60; £5.50, £4.50, £1.70, £2.40. DF: £91.10. CSF: £122.30. Tricast: £784.17. After a stewards' inquiry the first two placings reversed.

3.0 (3m 5f ch) 1, KNOCK HILL (G Mernagh, 6-4 fav); 3, Play The Knave (S Morshead, 8-1); 3, Fitzherbert (B Powell, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Celtic Slave (6th), 11-2 Sointulla Boy (4th), 14 Galesburg (5th). 6 ran. 5l, 1l, 8l, sh hd, 8l. J Webber at Banbury. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £3.10. CSF: £12.77.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SANDYLA (M Brennan, 16-1); 2, Saint Action (G Bradley, 11-2); 3, Ellerandem (G Charles Jones, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Staghound (4th), 4 Dylan's Pride (5th), 8 Speak No Evil, 12 Pharoah's Treasure, 14 Skylark Wonder (pu), 20 Anna's Mite, 50 Auction Royale (pu), Polar Ice, Hollow Laugh, True Poetry (6th), Paddy's Gloss (pu). 14 ran. NR: Anagmor's Daughter, Mary Kate O'Brien. 1½l, 1½l, 7l, hd, 15l. D Thom at Newmarket. Tote: £16.60; £2.90, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £65.90. CSF: £100.34. Tricast: £469.33.

Placepot: £123.45

● **Hexham abandoned — high winds.**

Welsh National acceptors

CORAL WELSH NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (3m 6f): West Tip 9yrs 12st 0lb, By The Way 8-11-9, Door Latch 8-11-5, The Thinker 8-11-5, Plundering 9-11-2, I Haventalight 7-11-1, Stearsby 7-10-13, The Langholm Dyer 7-10-10, Rhyme 'N' Reason 7-10-10, Strands Of Gold 7-10-7, Kumbi 11-10-7, Bolands Cross 7-10-7, Jimbrook 9-10-6, Darc Hansel 8-10-6, Lucky Vane 11-10-5, Smartside 11-10-5, Ardent Spy 9-10-4, Ballymilan 9-10-3, Mr Snugfit 9-10-2, Sacred Path 8-10-2, Young Driver 9-10-2, Catch Phrase 8-10-1, Course Hunter 8-9-11, Why Forget 10-9-10, Knock Hill 10-9-10, Corbiere 11-9-10, Harvest Fortune 6-9-9, Fitzherbert 8-9-9, Church Warden 7-9-8, Little Polveir 9-9-8, Two Coppers 11-9-6, Macolver 8-9-6, Bickleigh Bridge 12-9-4, Covent Garden 8-9-2, Cenmau 8-9-0, Tacroy 12-9-0, Succeeded 9-9-0, Perhaps Lucky 9-8-13, Golden Knoll 7-8-12, Roll-A-Joint 8-8-10, Lackie 11-8-10, Ronalds Carole 6-8-7, Round The Twist 10-8-7, Casa Knipe 11-8-7, Randomly 7-8-5, Golden Minstrel 7-8-5, Tullamarine 9-8-4, Triska 10-8-4, Ledbury Lad 9-8-3, Le Gran Brun 8-8-2, Queensway Boy 7-8-2, Golden Hornet 8-8-0, Dr Pepper 9-7-13, Mighty Disaster 8-7-6, Princely Call 12-7-1 and Bally Task 10-5-10. To be run at Chepstow, December 20.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City v Sunderland.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Gravesend v Fisher.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER CUP: First round: Carlisle v Keighley (at Penrith, 8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England select v Scotland (at Hereford).
BASKETBALL: Carlsberg first division: Men: Team Polycell Kingston v Happy Eater Bracknell (8.0).
REAL TENNIS: George Wimpey open singles and doubles championships (at Queen's Club).
ROWING: Oxford University trials.
SNOOKER: Hofmeister world doubles championship: Final stages (at Derngate Centre, Northampton).
SQUASH RACKETS: Hallamshire invitation tournament (at Hallamshire T and SC, Sheffield).

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HOCKEY

Colclough makes his bench mark

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge University ... 1
Guildford ... 3

Tony Colclough, a World international ... the field as substitute ... transformed defeat into victory for Guildford over Cambridge University at Fenner's yesterday. Guildford, maintaining their unbeaten record, moved up to second place on the Rover Express League table behind Teddington, who have played one game more.

For the first quarter of an hour Guildford controlled the game ... After that ... and Cambridge ... by Sterman ... field, but ... Shafiq ... a penalty ... Guildford ...

Cambridge ... the eighteen minutes ... second ... The ball ... Cook ... however ... line by ...

Persistent ... the lead ... Sterman ... Shafiq ... out and ... overplay ... minutes ... Colclough ... and his ... Guildford ...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Blackpool forced to play safe

YACHTING

Crack of boom leaves White Crusader with stigma of jinxed crew

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

Misfortune continues to stalk White Crusader. A broken boom, in totally unexpected circumstances, wrecked her chances to win yesterday's race against French Kiss. The accident happened on the run towards the first leeward mark. White Crusader had led around the weather mark by 18sec after a fierce tacking duel up the first beat. Encouragingly the British yacht was able to better French Kiss in identical conditions to the race last month, which was won by the French.

Any celebrations, however, stopped with the failure of the Australian-built boom. Ironically it had been put on the boat as a safety measure because of the 30-knot winds and two-metre seas. "We didn't have our carbon fibre boom on because we were being conservative," a disconsolate Harold Cudmore said after the race. "We thought it more prudent to have the heavy-duty gear on board.

"This is standard equipment and none of them has ever suffered a breakage like this before. We're scratching our heads, quite frankly. There doesn't seem to be a technical problem with this equipment."

White Crusader was surfing down the face of a wave when the boom swung in about 10ft under the sudden burst of speed. As it swung out again, the boom fractured.

At the time, White Crusader was trying to cross ahead of French Kiss, which had secured an inside overlap on the final run into the mark. Several other things went wrong. "One thing tends to lead to another in these situations," Cudmore said. "The bow went under and swept the genoa off the deck."

White Crusader rounded the second mark in some disarray 1min 27sec behind French Kiss. Cudmore and Chris Law took the decision to proceed around the course but without using a headsail or spinnaker. This explained why the French were 10min ahead at the next mark.

CHALLENGER RESULTS: Stars and Stripes bt America II, 13min 04sec; New Zealand bt Heart of America, 3:27; Italia bt Azzurra, 14:41; USA bt Challenge France, 11:29; French Kiss bt White Crusader, ret; Canada II bt Eagle, 6:16.

	W	L	Pts
New Zealand	24	1	90
Stars and Stripes	20	5	70
French Kiss	15	10	69
America II	20	5	58
White Crusader	16	9	55
USA	16	9	55
Italia	13	12	51
Canada II	12	13	43
Heart of America	6	19	25
Eagle	6	17	24
Azzurra	3	22	11
Challenge France	2	23	2

TODAY'S RACES: Italia v White Crusader; Eagle v America II; Heart of America v Challenge France; Azzurra v USA; Stars and Stripes v New Zealand; French Kiss v Canada II.

DEFENDER RESULTS: Kookaburra II bt South Australia, 14:59; Australia IV bt Steak 'n' Kidney, 2:46. Bye: Kookaburra III.

	W	L	Pts
Kookaburra III	20	1	35
Australia IV	15	6	28
Kookaburra II	14	8	22
South Australia	5	17	8
Steak 'n' Kidney	1	21	3

TODAY'S RACES: Australia IV v Kookaburra III; Kookaburra II v Steak 'n' Kidney. Bye: South Australia.

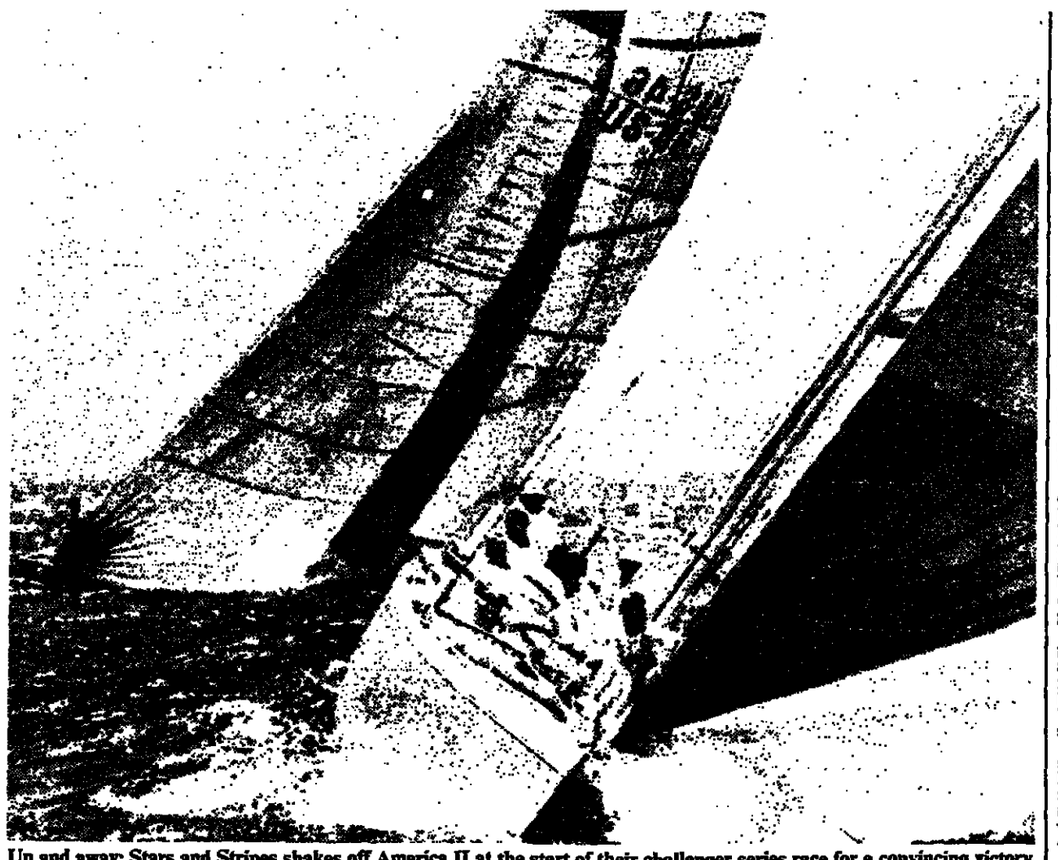
Cudmore had probably the better of a rather desultory start. Both boats crossed the line simultaneously but White Crusader was tucked down to the left at the pin end of the line, where Cudmore clearly wanted to be. Every other leading skipper to win yesterday from Dennis Conner to Chris Dickson adopted the same tactic.

At the first cross Cudmore had to dip the stern of French Kiss but he carried on port tack and then busily protected a lead. Each time the boats came back together the British were a fraction ahead. It demonstrated beyond doubt that in the heavy conditions that had been the preferred element of the Kiss team, White Crusader had superior speed. But what will it profit a crew who cannot keep their boat together in 30 knots of wind?

Around the docks White Crusader is acquiring the reputation of being a boat with a jinx. Too many races that should have been won have turned into defeats. Few in the Cup community have any doubt in Cudmore's ability or the calibre of the boat and crew. The Irish skipper professes not to believe in bad luck, preferring instead a universe of cause and effect. Yet demons and gremlins are bringing all of this down. There may just be one chance left — but no more.

In the other challenger races, Dennis Conner annihilated America II. The skipper, John Kolius, lost two men overboard in the high seas, but he was already 3min behind. It was the second defeat in a row for America II and morale in the camp of the former Cup favourites is low.

The surprise of the day in the defender series was the near defeat of Australia IV. A vastly improved Steak 'n' Kidney, without a win in the first 20 races, led her around seven legs to the final mark. Only a blown-out genoa and damaged headfoil saved the face of the Bond syndicate.



Up and away: Stars and Stripes shakes off America II at the start of their challenger series race for a convincing victory

CRICKET

W Indies kings of one-day match

Sharjah (Reuter) — The West Indies thrashed Sri Lanka by 193 runs yesterday to clinch the Champions Trophy and confirm their unofficial title as the kings of the one-day match.

They had already beaten the World Cup winners, India, and the Australasia Cup holders, Pakistan, in the four-team contest and thus won the $32,000 first prize.

The West Indies were quite devastating yesterday. Sent in to bat after the Sri Lankan captain, Duleep Mendis, won the toss, they smashed 248 runs for the loss of five wickets on a perfect batting wicket — a record-equalling score for the Sharjah ground.

The West Indies' awesome pace battery then went to work and the Sri Lankan batsmen had no answer to the speed of Malcolm Marshall, Courtney Walsh, Anthony Gray and Winston Benjamin.

The man of the match, Walsh, snatched the glory from Ritchie Richardson, who hit 109, as he retired five batsmen — the last four clean bowled — to finish with the astonishing figures of 4.3-3-1-5.

Sri Lanka's new opening pair, Brendon Kuruppu and Rosham Mahanama, made a steady start but when Kurrupu was run out, a sensational slide was set in motion.

The last eight wickets crashed for only 10 runs and Sri Lanka's total of 55 was their lowest in one-day internationals.

The West Indies captain, Viv Richards, singled out the performances of Walsh and Richardson. He said they were great players who would improve in coming years. Richardson said: "We never take any opposition lightly and Sri Lanka was no exception. We proved today that we are a great side."

WEST INDIES

C G Greenidge b de Mel	67
R B Richardson c Tillekaratne b J R Ratnayeke	109
†I V A Richards b J R Ratnayeke	39
R A Harper lbw b R J Ratnayeke	15
A L Logie not out	9
W K M Benjamin b J R Ratnayeke	0
M D Marshall not out	3
Extras (lb 1, lb 5)	6
Total (5wkts, 45 overs)	248

H A Gomes, C A Walsh, A N Gray and †P J Dujon did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-132, 2-220, 3-221, 4-242, 5-245.

BOWLING: de Mel 9-1-48-1, R J Ratnayake 9-2-30-1, Labrooy 7-0-36-0, J R Ratnayeke 9-0-59-3, Gurusinghe 9-0-51-0, Ranaunge 2-0-18-0.

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama c Dujon b Marshall	13
B Kuruppu run out	9
A P Gurusinghe b Harper	15
A Ranatunga c Walsh b Harper	8
A L de Silva run out	3
L R D Mendis c Dujon b Walsh	2
H Tillekratne not out	2
A L F de Mel b Walsh	0
J R Ratnayeke b Walsh	0
R J Ratnayeke b Walsh	0
G Labrooy b Walsh	1
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (28.3 overs)	55

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-22, 3-45, 4-45, 5-50, 6-51, 7-51, 8-51, 9-51.

BOWLING: Marshall 5-1-16-1, Gray 5-0-15-0, Benjamin 5-0-13-0, Harper 9-4-8-2, Walsh 4.3-3-1-5.

Teenagers' aim

Matthew Syed, of Reading, and Andrea Holt, of Bury, are favourites for the singles titles in the English under-17 table tennis championships at Macclesfield this weekend. Syed is aiming to repeat the success of his elder brother Andrew, who won the title in 1983, while Miss Holt is going for a third singles championship.

RUGBY UNION: SPONSORS AT THE READY AS A NEW ERA APPROACHES

Selectors look for reliability

By George Ace

One could be forgiven for thinking that the Irish selectors indulged more in a trip down memory lane on Monday evening when they met to name the teams and substitutes for the final trial at Lansdowne Road on December 20.

Names such as Terry Kennedy, last capped in 1981 against Australia; Willie Duncan, England, 1984; and John O'Driscoll, Scotland, 1984, hardly suggest forward thinking. And as Michael Gibson and Brian Spillane command the No. 8 spot respectively on the Probables and Possibles after Munster's inter-provincial whitewash speaks volumes for the persuasive tounges of Munster's two selectors, Jim Kiernan and Johnny Moroney.

That the selectors would name the team that comprehensively defeated Romania as their senior side was entirely predictable. And there can be few complaints about the composition of the men behind the scrum in the Possibles side. Since Brady dislocated a shoulder at a club game on Tuesday night, Tony Doyle, the Leinster captain, would have been playing even if the Ulster scrum half had eased him out.

Langbroek, understudy at loose-head prop to Phil Orr on the Leinster side, is a surprise choice on the Possibles but it is significant that the three props who shared Ulster duty this season, Jim McCoy, Peter Millar and Brian McKibbin, are in attendance, as is the hooker, John McDonald.

But it is the composition of the Possibles back row that defies logic. O'Driscoll and Duncan are birds of a feather, fierce competitors and doughty fighters when the chips are down. But the only realistic chance of a back row place is held by O'Driscoll, and that is at No. 8.

And on the subject of No. 8s, the loss of form of David Morrow has raised a few questions. The Bangor man made one inter-provincial appearance for Ulster against Munster in Cork and his performance was in keeping with one who had been named Ulster player of the year for his exploits last season when he made two international appearances. Now not even a seat on the substitute bench beckons Morrow.

Doubling up

Scotland have appointed Brian Anderson (Currie) and Jim Fleming (Boroughmuir) as their two referees for the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next year. Ray Megson (Edinburgh Wanderers) is the first reserve.

Revised club championship structure is taking shape

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

By the end of this month both the structure of next year's English club championship and the sponsors of the new competition should be known. The Northern Division this week became the third of the four divisions to present their scheme to the Rugby Football Union while on December 16 the RFU finance committee will hope to take a step nearer concluding a half-million pound package backing the competition.

The RFU have concluded that one sponsor, with a minimum commitment of three years (they have four companies expressing interest) offers the greatest, and simplest, benefit to rugby.

The major clubs, who worked out their own deal with Courage Ltd, the brewers, before the national merit tables came into being, have expressed reservations about the RFU proposals. However, the RFU remains optimistic that companies wishing to invest in rugby will find ways of doing so via local cup and merit table competitions which will exist outside the club championship.

There are six northern clubs in the present John Smith's merit tables, Sale and Orrell in table A, Waterloo, Gosforth, Liverpool/St Helens and Headingley in table B. Clubs nominated to national division three will be elected in the following order: West Hartlepool, Vale of Lune, Wakefield, Fylde, Morley, Sheffield.

A mimimum of two of those six clubs will go into division three, depending on whether none or four northern clubs are placed in the first four in the current merit table C. Additional nominees to the North Area League (for which there are six nominations) are Roundhay and Broughton Park. Below this level will be the northern division, consisting of two leagues. If two clubs are in national division three, the north division league one will read thus: Birkenhead Park, Northern, Durham City, Preston Grasshoppers, Hartlepool Rovers, Middlesbrough, Winnington Park, Harrogate, West Park, Otley, Widnes. If up to six clubs are in national division three, the following clubs will be added, in order: Hull, Wigton, Kendal, Tynedale.

If it all sounds complex, provision has to be made for this season's results. So north division league two, from which two would be promoted to league one, will read: Hull, Wigton, Kendal, Tynedale, Halifax, Bradford and Bingley, Manchester, Aspatria, New Brighton, Wilmslow and Huddersfield. If up to six clubs are in national division three, Alnwick, Davenport, Gateshead Fell and Lymm win consideration.

Assuming two clubs in national division three, the regional leagues read thus:

NORTH-WEST DIVISION ONE: Davenport, Lymm, Southport, Wigan, Chester, Wirral, Mid-Cheshire, Netherhall, Carlisle, Rochdale, Caldy.
NORTH-EAST DIVISION ONE: Alnwick, Gateshead Fell, Westoe, Wharfedale, Morpeth, Old Brodielians, Old Crossleyans, Ripon, Rotherham, Sandal, Thornensians.
NORTH-WEST DIVISION TWO: Egremont, Blackburn, Sedgeley Park, Workington, Penrith, Cockermouth, Warrington, Sandbach, Heaton Moor, Leigh, Newton-le-Willows.
NORTH-EAST DIVISION TWO: Blaydon, Beverley, Keighley, Selby, Novocastrians, Old Hymerians, Pocklington, Pontefract, Ryton, Stockton, York.
DIVISION WEST TWO: Chester College, South Liverpool, Hightown, Moore, Old Irlemians, Port Sunlight, Ruskin Park, Sefton, St Mary's OB, Vulcan, Wallasey.
DIVISION EAST TWO: Ashton-on-Mersey, Ashworn-under-Lyne, Bowdon, De la Salle, Kersal, Old Badians, Old Salians, Metrovick, North Manchester, Toc H, Tyldesley.
DIVISION NORTH ONE: Vickers, Blackpool, Carnforth, Creighton, Keswick, Kirkby Lonsdale, Millom, Rossendale, St Benedict's, Whitehaven, Windermere.
DIVISION WEST THREE: Agecroft, Alsager, Burtonwood, Halton, Hoylake, Helsby, Old Rockferrians, Prescot, Shell, Wigan Tech.
DIVISION EAST THREE: Bolton, Broughton, Bury, Chorley, Congleton, Crewe and Nantwich, Duckinfield, GM Fire Service, Oldham College, Lostock.
DIVISION NORTH TWO: Ambleside, British Steel, Clitheroe, Lancaster Moor Hospital, Silloth, Smith Bros, Thornton Cleveleys, Upper Eden.
DURHAM/NORTHUMBERLAND: Regional one: Newcastle University, Acklam, Ashington, Blyth, Dirlington, Horden, Percy Park, Ponteland, Redcar, Seghill, Winlaton. Regional two: Rockcliff, Bishop Auckland, Consett, Hartlepool, Hartlepool BBOB, Houghton, Medicals, Mowden Park, North Durham, Seaham, Sunderland. Regional three: Wallsend, Billingham, Chester-le-Street, Guisborough, Hartlepool Athletic, Hartlepool TDSOB, North Shields, Seaton Carew, Washington, Wearside, Whitby. Regional four: Darlington RA, Barnard Castle, Civil Service Durham, Jarovians, Newton Aycliffe, Paudhoe, South Shields Marine College, South Tyneside College, Wensleydale.
YORKSHIRE: Regional one: Barnsley, Bramley, Castleford, Cleckheaton, Driffield, Goole, Hemsworth, Roundheglans, Scarborough, West Park Bramhope, York RI. Regional two: Doncaster, Huddersfield YMCA, Ilkley, Ionians, Leodensians, Malton/Norton, Moortown, North Ribblesdale, Old Otliensians, Wath, Wheatley Hills. Regional three: Baildon, Bradford Salem, Bridlington, Heath OB, Knottingley, Leeds CSSA, Marist, Northallerton, Rodillians, Sheffield Tigers, Yarnbury.
Regional four: Airabronians, Burley, Dinnington, Hessle, Hullensians, Leeds YMCA, Old Modernians, West Leeds, Wetherby, Wibsey, Yorkshire Copper Works. Regional five: BP Chemicals, Halifax Vandals, Hornsea, Knaresborough, Leeds Corinthians, Osset, Phoenix Park, Rishworthians, Rowntrees, Sidpton, Withernsea. Regional six: Adwick-le-Street, Armthorpe, Bridon, De La Salle, Maltby OB, Markham, Sheffield Medicals, Sheffield Oaks, Sheffield Steels, Stocksbridge, Yorkshire Main.

All hands on deck

By David Hands

Neither London nor the North anticipate problems in fielding their selected teams for the first round of the divisional championship on Saturday. Both squads trained on Tuesday evening and London's three casualties, Rob Lozowski (Wasps), Maurice Colclough (Swansea) and Simon Smith (Richmond) were passed fit.

Lozowski has recovered from a knee injury, Colclough from a suspected case of mumps and Smith from a bruised elbow. The North, whose forwards worked at Wilmslow, have only one doubt, whether Martin Whitcombe, the Bedford and Yorkshire prop, will have recovered from a groin strain. Paul Huntsman (Headingley) will replace him if required.

Moseley, having studied a video-recording of an incident during their game last month against London Welsh in which Stuart Russell, the Welsh flanker, sustained a detached retina, believe the injury — said by the Exiles to have been caused by a punch — was a complete accident.

The Barbarians, whose team to play Leicester on December 27 is likely to have a French look to it, will play an additional match this season, against the New Zealand Barbarians on April 1 at Cardiff. The New Zealanders, on a golden jubilee tour, will also meet Leicester on March 18, Ballymena (March 25) and South of Scotland at Gala (March 29).

TENNIS

Davis Cup hitch to league

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The new Mortgage Corporation national league, a men's indoor team competition, has already struck a snag — two months before its inaugural fixtures. Except for the April final, the event will be played on three weekends in February and March, and Britain's Davis Cup team and their entourage will be in California during the matches scheduled for February 14 and 15.

The eight teams in this prototype competition have been split into two groups for a home and away series, every team playing a total of six matches. The first relevant weekend will be February 7 and 8, and the last March 28 and 29. At least four teams — Aston Villa, Croydon, Heston and Woking — can expect to be short of key players for the intervening matches, on February 14 and 15.

Aston Villa, Bramhall, Heston and Leeds form one group and Bournemouth, Croydon, Telford and Woking make up the other. The managers have until January 1 to submit the names of six players but already five teams are provisionally taking shape. The players concerned include Britain's most recent Davis Cup singles players — Jeremy Bates, Andrew Castle, John Lloyd and Stephen Shaw — plus the national champion, Stuart Bale, and the Davis Cup coach, Mark Cox.

Castle and Cox are expected to sign with Aston Villa, Lloyd and Bale with Heston, Bates with Croydon and Shaw with Woking. Other competitors are expected to include Peter Fleming, Nick Brown and Richard Whichello (Heston), Buster Mottram and Robin Drysdale (Croydon), Nick Fulwood and Chris Bradman (Telford), and David Felgate, Mike Appleton and Jeremy Dier (Woking).

John Lloyd has a home at Palm Springs and has been asked to practise with Britain's Davis Cup team during their preliminary build-up for the tie in Mexico from March 13 to 15. The early preparation for Mexico means that Heston, like Aston Villa, are likely to be short of two players during the second weekend of the national team event. Managers are restricted to six players and four must play.

Lloyd's brother, David, the Heston team manager, said yesterday: "The sponsors want the best teams to get to the final but if two players are away for two matches — a third of the programme — that might not happen. The dates are a problem, especially with the Davis Cup coming in the middle. Otherwise the league is a great idea and it will go well."

Lloyd (David, that is), was confident that Heston would soon have a sponsor. He said they had been prepared to lose up to £25,000 as an investment in promoting and marketing two new clubs his company planned to open. John Feaver, director of the national league, is encouraged by the way sponsors — councils and businesses — are coming forward to back their local teams.

"I'm more hopeful now than I was at the beginning," Feaver said, "that we may have one or two players who are ranked in the top 40. Signing the top players is unlikely, because of their schedule and the cost. But there will still be a lot of well-known names to excite the public and give the leading British players fierce competition. Companies are responding to the managers' requests for help in attracting good players."

A team can include only one of the eight most highly ranked British players and only one overseas player (for example, Fleming). The league should provide good entertainment, with healthy competition between formerly prominent players on the way down and younger British players who are, one hopes, on the way up. Whichello, aged 19, is the kind of player whose competitive ability should improve under stress.

There is reason to hope that as standards rise, the league's income grows and better overseas players are tempted to take part, the team event will increasingly help British players to bridge the formidable gap between domestic and international competition.

To some extent the league will catch the flavour of one-day cricket. Every match will be over in a day. The four singles and one doubles will all be restricted to one set with a tie-break at 6-all: in other words, short bursts of action that should induce the over-30s to continue or resume competitive tennis.

Navratilova beats Lloyd

Tucson (AP) — Martina Navratilova, the world's top-ranked woman player, beat her second-ranked fellow-American, Chris Lloyd, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, in an exhibition match on Tuesday night. The match was the second that Mrs Lloyd, aged 31, has played since she withdrew from the tour last month because of a knee injury. She has been undergoing treatment in Florida for an irritation under her left kneecap.

"I wouldn't have played this event if I wasn't confident that my knee is back in shape," Mrs Lloyd said."

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A competitor who challenged the chauvinistic domain of golf and is still smiling

Forrest swaps club for tournaments

Jane Forrest: ace of clubs (Photograph: Tony Spencer)

The appointment of Michelle Walker as full professional at the Warren Golf Club and of Jenny Lee-Smith to Parklands, Newcastle, as well as Vivien Saunders's purchase of her own golf club, may be regarded by chauvinists as yet another infiltration of male preserves by "... the monstrous regimen of women".

Certainly coverage of Miss Walker's appointment has suggested that — Mary Holway's brief tenure at Cottesmore apart — hers was the first time that a woman had become a club professional.

Jane Forrest, who made her amateur name in golf as Jane Panter, has allowed herself the luxury of a wry smile. Having passed the PGA school at Lilleshall in 1982, she became professional at Whalley Golf Club in the Ribble Valley in Lancashire some years before Miss Walker's appointment; somehow she managed to combine her duties as a club professional with tournament appearances for two and a half years.

Her appointment closely followed her marriage to David Forrest, who works as a graphic designer in Blackburn, when he is not caddying for his wife on the circuit. He plays off a 17 handicap but caddying duties obtrude and last summer, during his five-week holiday, he caddied for Jane in six tournaments.

She resigned her post at Whalley a couple of years ago in the realization that when she was concerned with her duties as a club professional, teaching or in the shop, she felt that she should be practising, ready for her next tournament; but when she arrived to compete on the circuit, she was continually worrying what might be going wrong at the club.

Financially, the years when Jane was a club professional were adequate rather than exciting; basically the very nature of the two jobs that she was attempting concurrently, were essentially opposed. It is no surprise now that Mickey Walker has made it quite clear that from now on "... playing golf will be very secondary".

In Jane's words: "It was a tremendous help that David was easily earning enough for us to live on. What I made was a bonus. During my two and a half years as pro at Whalley, I did not lose money but I definitely could not have survived if what I made at the club and earned as a tournament player had been my only source of income." It is is interesting to note that Mrs Forrest's tournament earnings from eight years on the women's circuit amounted to £50,000; this seems fair enough until a glance at the other side of the coin reveals that her expenses approached £30,000.

Money aside, she experienced few problems. There was the time, early in her tenure, when she set out to repair a woman member's 5-wood by removing the shaft and ruined the head by drilling straight through it. ("I had to give her another one.") Strangely, perhaps, she experienced absolutely no resentment or chauvinism: "No one was rude or unpleasant. Perhaps the folks who resented me getting the job just kept away; but a low handicapper asked for a lesson as soon as I arrived and that started things off. I was asked every week to play in men's four balls and I went into the club house for a drink with the members each Saturday after golf. If there was chauvenism, I was not aware of it. Perhaps I was too young and naive to know it was there."

Long before Jane Panter, under the influence of her mentor, Peter Geddes, the Clitheroe professional, made the England girls' team and reached the final of the northern women's championship at Carlisle in her late teens, she had decided that she wanted to be a professional golfer. She was one of the first to join the women's professional ranks in 1979 and won the European Match Play Championship in that season, beating Muriel Thomson in the final.

She also won one of the Carlsberg tournaments, which were helping to get the women's circuit off the ground, and remembers with amusement that her winning cheque on that occasion was just £200. When she won the Dutch Open last summer, she took home a cheque for £6,500, which may be a derisory sum when compared with the men's earnings, but nevertheless represents a big step forward from the early days.

Mrs Forrest will be playing less, though she hopes to take her place on the tournament scene from time to time next year. The main reason is that she is having a baby in April. If there is any fairness or justice in hereditary, the child will be personable, intelligent and attractive and one day will recall with pride the fact that his or her mother earned a unique distinction in golf.

Essentially an equable and friendly person, Mrs Forrest could not stand eight years in the demanding world of tournament golf without discovering how speedily triumph can be translated into disaster, and vice versa: "My best and my worst moment came on the same day at Hilversum this summer. I fluffed a chip on the first hole of the final round, took seven and saw a four-shot lead become a one-shot lead. I consciously thought then: 'God! I haven't got it in me to win a tournament.' My happiest moment was walking up the 18th with a five-shot lead again and the Dutch Open virtually won."

Michael Stevenson

FOOTBALL

Martin's swift return is precisely what the doctor ordered

By Clive White

After last Sunday's televised set-back to their championship desires, West Ham United hope to feature the return of Alvin Martin, their England centre back, after an absence of two months against Southampton at Upton Park on Saturday.

John Lyall, the manager, scoffed yesterday at a suggestion that he was poised to sign Derek Statham, the West Bromwich Albion defender, and said that the only transfer he was interested in at the moment was that of Martin from friendly to serious action.

The four-goal hammering West Ham received from Newcastle United has prompted them to accelerate Martin's recovery programme. His jarred knee yesterday withstood the third friendly organized for his benefit in the last week and now the training staff will push him hard over the next three days in the hope that they can have him back in the first team by Saturday.

"It's just been a question of games and he's not far off it now. I'll talk to him on Friday to see how he feels and we'll take it from there," Lyle said. "It's been a painful injury and an unusual one but fortunately there's no serious damage to the knee. Paul Hilton has done a tremendous job in his absence but with Alvin you're talking about a highly experienced current international."

Martin last played 13 games ago at Sheffield Wednesday when scoring in a 2-2 draw. In the meantime West Ham have intensified their League challenge, recently going six hours without conceding a goal. Until last weekend's defeat they were the only first division side unbeaten away from home this season.

With Martin restored to full health, Bobby Robson, the England manager, will have his quota of central defenders to choose from for the forthcoming international against Spain in Madrid. In recent weeks Wright, Fenwick and Watson have edged their way towards complete recovery after injuries.

● Steve Penney, of Brighton, the Northern Ireland international winger, is expected to be out of action for three weeks with a knee injury. Penney missed Brighton's first away win of the season at Sheffield United on Saturday and the manager, Alan Mullery, said that Penney must rest for 10 days before resuming training. Better news for Mullery is that the midfield player, Dale Jasper, does not have a stress fracture of the shin, as was first feared. But he will still be sidelined for at least 10 days.

Mullery should know later this week whether the captain, Danny Wilson, faces a lengthy lay-off because of his thigh injury. Terry Connor, the club's top scorer, is making a good recovery from an ankle injury while Chris Hutchings and Gerry Armstrong are expected to be fit for Saturday's home game with Bradford.

The defenders, Russell Osman and Paul Ramsey, lined up for Leicester City's second team last night. Ramsey, the Irish international, had not played since September because of a ligament injury, and Osman had missed the last three games with a hamstring problem. Bryan Hamilton, the manager, is hoping their reappearance is further proof of their readiness for action in the first division.

Ipwich Town's England under-21 international defender, Ian Cranson, is likely to be out for three weeks after sustaining a medial-ligament knee injury in Tuesday night's Full Members' Cup victory

Rotherham United, struggling in the third division, yesterday signed the goalkeeper, David Felgate, on loan from Grimsby Town. Felgate, aged 26, will make his debut in tomorrow night's Freight Rover Trophy match at Halifax to replace the regular goalkeeper, Kelham O'Hanlon, who has a broken bone in his hand. He is expected to miss the next three weeks of action.

Meanwhile, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, Howard Wilkinson, has checked on the Middlesborough defender, Gary Pallister, who is rated at £500,000.

Oxford United are using a friendly against Oxford University as a fitness test for five players whom Maurice Evans wants to use against Luton Town on Saturday. Trevor Hebberd (Achilles tendon), John Trewick (broken nose), Jeremy Charles and Peter Rhoades-Brown, who have undergone cartilage operations, and Neil Slatter are the players involved.

The toast is Jennings: Kevin Keegan drinks to the health of Northern Ireland's goalkeeper (left) and his wife, Elnor. A testimonial match was staged for Jennings in Belfast last night

A goalkeeper who finds joy in coming miles off his line

By Paul Newman

FA CUP

Every footballer playing professionally or at the higher levels of the part-time game has to come to terms with the large amount of travelling involved. Few, however, can have quite the problems that Kevin Charlton faces.

Not only does the Telford United goalkeeper have to combine his football commitments with his full-time job as a travelling sales representative, but he also has to make a 200-mile round trip to every home match or training session.

Charlton, who hopes to help Telford beat Altrincham in the second round of the FA Cup on Saturday, lives in Anglesey, north Wales, exactly 100 miles from the Telford ground. The journey from his home through Snowdonia and into England never takes less than two hours and a half and in holiday traffic in the early weeks of the season it can take more than five hours.

"When I arrive home after a midweek match at somewhere like Weymouth at five in the morning and have to get up for work a couple of hours later I do sometimes wonder whether I'm doing the right thing," he said. "But I wouldn't really want to change anything. Telford are a great club to play for and I've got a good job with very understanding employers."

Charlton, an effervescent personality with a reputation as a dressing-room character, turned semi-professional eight years ago after being released by Hereford United. Bangor City offered him a part-time contract and when a nearby firm of toy wholesalers offered him a job as a sales representative he decided to move into the area permanently.

The chance to join Telford came a year later. "I immediately started looking for work in the Telford area but there didn't seem to be anything suitable," he said. "Anyway, I was happy living and working where I was so I decided I would just become a long-distance commuter. Anglesey is a bit out of the way, but I love it here."

Charlton, who has pursued his career despite the problems of being a diabetic, has long been regarded as one of the most talented goalkeepers in non-League football. He has played in the England semi-professional team and has been a mainstay of Telford's recent FA Cup campaigns.

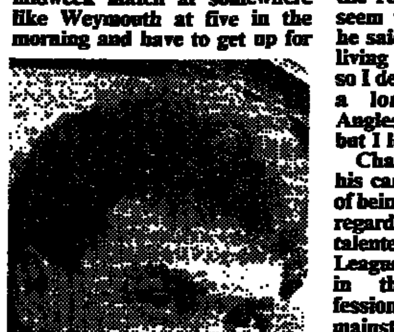
Stan Storton, the Telford manager, said: "He's a big-occasion player. He sometimes loses concentration in run-of-the-mill league games, but I can hardly remember him making a mistake in a big match. He's saved us on several occasions. When we won at Stockport in the FA Cup last year he was undoubtedly the decisive factor."

Despite having helped Hereford win the third division championship, Charlton, aged 32, has no doubt that Telford have provided the best moments of his club career, including victory in the FA Trophy final at Wembley and 10 FA Cup wins over League sides in the last five seasons. Two years ago he defied Everton for more than an hour in front of a crowd of more than 47,000 at Goodison Park before Telford lost 3-0.

"We seem to have the ability as a team to raise our game when it's really needed," he said.

Saturday's visit by Altrincham ends Telford's sequence of 14 successive FA Cup ties against League opposition. Charlton, however, belives that Altrincham, one of Telford's main challengers for the GM Vauxhall Conference championship and promotion to the fourth division, pose a greater threat than League teams like Burnley, their victims in the last round.

"We all have a great respect for Altrincham," he said. "Our games against them are nearly always very tight and the fact that we beat them 4-0 in the league a few weeks ago will count for nothing on the day."



Charlton: travelling man

Good Evans!

David Evans, the Luton Town chairman, has responded to a cry for help from Caernarfon Town, the FA Cup giant-killers — and sent them £500. The Multipart League club, who are at home to York in Saturday's second round, spent £3,000 on ground improvements after trouble during last month's clash against Stockport. "They wrote to a number of clubs, including us, asking for financial help," the Luton executive director, John Smith, said.

Wood taking aim at the big time

By Steve Bates

Alex Ferguson, alarmed at Manchester United's goal drought, is ready to promote a reserve forward, Nicky Wood, aged 20, for the club's crucial televised game with Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday.

The new Old Trafford manager, whose side have scored four goals in their last seven League games, last night watched Wood against the Leicester reserves at Filbert Street in a United team which included Bryan Robson, Gordon Strachan, Norman Whiteside, John Sivebaek and Terry Gibson.

Ferguson indicated he may change the assault force of Frank Stapleton and Peter Davenport, who have scored only five League goals each this season.

Ferguson said: "Nicky has got a lot of talent and he has the ability to get into the first team. He's very quick and although it's not always the best time to bring in youngsters when the team is stuttering, sometimes they are so good they can force themselves in."

Wood, who has made two substitute appearances for United, is their top Central League scorer with seven goals in 10 games, but the United manager is also aware he could return Whiteside to the front-line role where he started his career before being switched to midfield.

"We don't have a great deal of options up front but Norman is one of those we have," Ferguson said. "I've been very impressed with him since I came — he's a very good player. But if the team was playing confidently I'm sure we'd get goals from every department."

Since live television games were introduced, United's record has been poor and with the club languishing perilously close to the relegation zone with Christmas approaching, Ferguson admitted: "There will be a lot of pressure on the players."

Spain topple Albania to lead group

Vienna (Reuter) — A goal in the 83rd minute from Joaquin Alonso, celebrating his return to international competition after a four-year absence, gave Spain a 2-1 win over a robust Albanian side in a European Championship qualifier in Tirana yesterday.

Joaquin tapped home a rebound following a bouncing left-foot shot from the captain, José Camacho, to put Spain two points clear on top of group one with two wins from two matches, which have included two missed penalties.

The Spaniards, runners-up in the 1984 championship, had trailed for much of the encounter, the first full international between the two countries. It was also the first football match to be broadcast live outside socialist Albania.

In Nicosia, Greece, trailing 2-1 at halftime, hit back with two late goals to seize a 4-2 victory over Cyprus yesterday and went top of group five.

GOLF

Hobday making giant strides towards the top

From John Hennessy, La Manga, Spain

A new yet familiar name surged forward yesterday on the fourth day of the PGA European tour six-round qualifying tournament at the La Manga club. Simon Hobday was, until recently, an exuberant South African member of the tour, and Justin Hobday — his nephew — looks like following in the family footsteps.

Justin, born in London in 1963, will be remembered at home for having played in two British amateur championships. He reached the third round at Formby in 1984, but failed in last year's qualifying section at Royal Dornoch.

After yesterday's splendid 65, six under par, over La Manga's north course, Hobday is almost certain to qualify for his European tour player's card. He has soared to joint second place and the coveted piece of pasteboard, which will be distributed to the lucky 50 tomorrow evening, is his for the taking.

Hobday's 10-under-par 276 is a laudable enough achievement, though it still leaves him, together with Wayne Smith (70), of Australia, six shots behind the tall, lissom Dane, Steen Tinning (71).

They are followed by two Britons on 279. David Gilford (Trentham Park) and Lee Fickling (Finchley Driving Range). A third, Michael Few (Royal Norwich), is sharing sixth place. Their respective scores yesterday were 73, 70 and 69.

When the field was cut to 100 for the last two rounds the guillotine fell on 293, leaving at least one distinguished former amateur out in the cold. John Hawksworth, a Walker Cup player last year, had a fraught final round of 76, for a total of 296.

The survivor of the day was John Vingoe, a young assistant from Mullion. After a third round of 82 he needed a fourth of 65. He made it with a stroke to spare, thanks principally to an eagle-two at the 13th, where he holed a sand-wedge shot from 90 yards.

LEADING SCORES: 270: S Tinning (Den), 61, 69, 69, 71. 276: J Hobday (SA), 70, 71, 70, 65; W Smith (Aus), 66, 72, 68, 70. 279: D Gilford (GB), 68, 71, 69, 71; L Ficking (GB), 71, 72, 66, 70. 280: M Few (GB), 71, 71, 69, 69; D MacMillan (US), 69, 67, 74, 70; M Sunesson (Swe), 73, 66, 71, 70. 281: W Milne (GB), 69, 72, 71, 69; M Moreno (Sp), 72, 69, 72, 68; S Stephen (GB), 76, 71, 70, 64; J Clifford (Australia), 73, 69, 72, 67; J López (Sp), 67, 66, 75, 73; C Rocca (It), 73, 71, 69, 68. 282: A Stubbs (GB), 75, 64, 74, 69; P A Brostedt (Swe), 72, 68, 70, 72; D Klenk (US), 70, 71, 70, 71. 283: J Spence (GB), 72, 68, 74, 69; P Allan (GB), 73, 68, 75, 67; W Winsnes (SA), 72, 72, 68, 71; A Sherborne (GB), 69, 75, 70, 69; C Platts (GB), 70, 73, 71, 69.

List of team could be premature

Almost six months in advance, the Walker Cup selectors will announce today the Great Britain and Ireland side for the match against the United States at Sunningdale.

The match is on May 27 and 28, but the reason for such an early selection, it is claimed, is that there are few events or tournaments in these islands between now and then which could influence decisions.

So the team of 10 will be chosen on 1986 form and, unfortunately, one or two of these could go off the boil by the time the match comes around. It surely would be preferable to short-list a squad and make the final choice as late as possible. After all, there is not a lack of important amateur competition in Britain in March, April and early May.

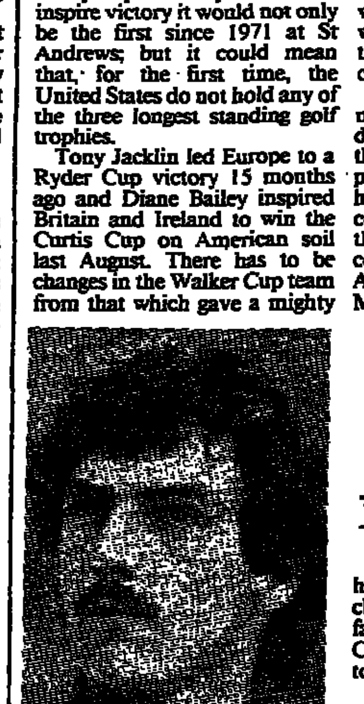
The new captain, Geoff Marks, of England, carries a heavy responsibility. If he could inspire victory it would not only be the first since 1971 at St Andrews; but it could mean that, for the first time, the United States do not hold any of the three longest standing golf trophies.

Tony Jacklin led Europe to a Ryder Cup victory 15 months ago and Diane Bailey inspired Britain and Ireland to win the Curtis Cup on American soil last August. There has to be changes in the Walker Cup team from that which gave a mighty performance at Pine Valley in 1985, losing by a narrow 13-11 margin. Four of that Britain and Ireland side, John Hawksworth, Peter Baker, Sandy Stephen and David Gilford, have since turned professional and are therefore not available.

That leaves Colin Montgomerie, George Macgregor, Garth McGimpsey, Peter McEvoy, Cecil Bloice and Paul Mayo still available, although Macgregor, aged 42, may be considered too old, and Mayo seems to have lost his best form.

Montgomerie, McGimpsey, McEvoy and British amateur champion, David Curry, formed the four strong Eisenhower Trophy squad for the world team championship last October and they will almost certainly be the nucleus at Sunningdale. Others in the running for places include John McHenry, the Irish champion, and Graeme Shaw of Scotland, who had a five out of six record when his team comfortably won the home international championship in September.

There are not, however, too many other outstanding candidates, with so many players these days switching to the professional ranks, but America has the same problem and it could be an exciting affair when the match is staged on an inland course on this side of the Atlantic for the first time next May.



Mouland: fractured ankles

Mouland hurt in car crash

Mark Mouland, the Midlands-based European tour golfer, has broken both his ankles in a road accident at Dunchurch. His father, Sid Mouland, who is the club professional at Kenilworth, said: "He is lucky to be alive. The car was a frightening sight with the engine almost in the driving seat.

"Mark has no recollection of the crash. He was driving along one moment and woke up in hospital the next. His legs will be in plaster for about six weeks."

Mouland, aged 25, is due to spend three weeks in West Indies next month, competing in some pro-am events and the Trinidad and Tobago Open. Then he plans to play in Australia during February if he can obtain some sponsors' invitations. "He still feels he has a slim chance of going to the West Indies and at least it provides an incentive for him to get fit quickly," his father said.

Last season was easily Mouland's most successful. He gained his first tour win in the Car Care Plan international, finishing thirtieth in the Order of Merit and playing for Wales in the Dunhill Cup. His earnings surpassed £50,000.

Langer is back to fill vacuum

Johannesburg (AFP) — Bernhard Langer, the defending champion, is seen as both the favourite and saviour of the Sun City tournament which begins today.

The West German has proved immune to anti-apartheid pressure which has robbed the tournament in the black homeland of Bophuthatswana of leading American players and left organizers scratching around for big names despite a $300,000 (about £210,000) winner's cheque and $50,000 guaranteed for the tail-ender.

Lee Trevino, Andy Bean, and Severiano Ballesteros, ostensibly through injury, have pulled out and replacement candidates have been thin on the ground because of pressure from the US Professional Golfers' Association.

Four local players had originally been drafted in to complete the 10-man field — the veteran, Gary Player, Nicky Price, David Frost and Mark McNulty — but Price's last-minute withdrawal for an emergency appendicitis operation leaves only nine contenders.

With them are the American, Lanny Wadkins, David Graham, of Australia, Tze-Chung Chen, of Taiwan, and the British Ryder Cup colleagues, Howard Clark and Ian Woosnam, who were drafted in at the last minute.

Clark said: "I received an invitation two weeks ago while I was in Japan and had no hesitation in accepting. Politics is not an issue with me."

Wadkins, the US Open runner-up, hopes to improve on his second place here last year after a lean season on the US tour.

Graham finished third in the Japanese Masters two weeks ago after promising performances in the Nissan Cup and South Australia Open while McNulty, chasing his fourth successive tournament victory in a row, is the main home contender.

In the event of war . . .

The English Ladies Golf Association yesterday approved a change in their rules . . . governing the outbreak of war. At their annual general meeting in London, their president, Joan Rothschild, was swift to give a tongue-in-cheek explanation: "They don't include dropping a ball out of a bomb crater or suspension of play because of gunfire."

Women golfers have a reputation of being prepared for any eventuality and they unanimously passed a resolution stating: "In the event of war or a national emergency, the administration of the LGU shall be vested in an emergency committee consisting of the chairman and vice-chairman and the honorary treasurer.

"This committee shall have power to bring into force for the said period all measures passed at the general meeting in February, 1940, with such alterations as they see fit."

Sponsorship and grants totalling £20,000 enabled ELGA to announce a profit for the year of £13,349.

CRICKET

Century for Wessels on SA debut

East London (Reuter) — Kepler Wessels, the Australian Test player born in South Africa, made a stylish debut for Kim Hughes's "rebels" with an unbeaten century on the second day of the three-day match against Border.

Wessels was given permission to play for the Australians last month after returning to South Africa and starting a controversy over whether he should play for his adopted country or the land of his birth.

Yesterday Wessels responded to his inclusion by steering them out of an awkward position with a fluent 100 not out in 196 minutes and 15 fours, as the Australians reached 232 for four. Graham Yallop (45), a former Australian captain, shared a fourth wicket partnership of 90 with Wessels.

Earlier Brad Osborne scored his maiden first class century with 127 as Border scored 358 in their first innings against the tourists.

SCORES: Border 358 (B M Osborne 127, G L Hayes 74, L Wilmot 44). Kim Hughes's XI 232 for four (K C Wessels 100 not out, G N Yallop 45).

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Repton finish in style

Repton finished their season on a happy note, beating both **Charterhouse** and **Malvern** 2-0. At Charterhouse played in damp, foggy conditions, Repton always looked stronger and more positive (George Chesterton writes). Anderson scored first from a long throw and Pashley made it 2-0 with a breakaway goal.

Against Malvern C Adams headed in a corner after 20 minutes and although Malvern came back into the game either side of half-time, P Gillespie scored Repton's second at another corner, shooting through a crowd of players.

Two goals by T Morgan enabled **Millfield**, who were twice behind against **Forest**, to win 3-2. The first goal for the visitors had come from Woodhead, their captain, with a powerful header.

In a fast and competitive game at **Chigwell**, the home team went two ahead against **Wellingborough** shortly after half-time, but the visitors fought back well with two goals from Thorneycroft, the equalizer coming in the last minute.

Thirty-two independent schools compete for the Corinthian-Casuals Challenge Cup at Forest School on December 17.

New secretary

Sheffield Wednesday have appointed Graham Mackrell, aged 36, as their new secretary in place of Dick Chester, who resigned to go into business last month. Mackrell, who started his career at Bourenemouth, spent four years at Luton Town as secretary until leaving there on November 12.

Thais defend

Bangkok (AP) — Two Thai World Boxing Council champions, the super bantamweight Samart Payakarun and flyweight Sot Chitatada, will defend their titles here next Wednesday. Payakarun will meet the Mexican, Juan Meza, the No 8 contender, while Chitilada boxes against No 1 contender Gabriel Bernal, of Mexico

Pical retains title

Jakarta (Reuter) — Ellyas Pical, of Indonesia, knocked out Lee Dong Choon, of South Korea, in the tenth round of their scheduled 15-round bout last night

RUGBY UNION

Slick Sultan on crest of the wave

By Peter Marson

HMS Cochrane 16
HMS Sultan 25

HMS Sultan, the marine engineering training establishment from Gosport, won the Royal Navy's knock-out cup final in an excellent match against HMS Cochrane from Rosyth, whom they beat by three goals, a try and a dropped goal to a goal, a try and two penalty goals at the United Services ground, Portsmouth, yesterday.

A strong wind at Cochrane's back helped them to a useful lead of 12-6 at the halfway stage but, in a competition open to all-ranks in the British Isles, Sultan proved to be worthy winners at the end of a splendid second half display in which 19 points took their aggregate in five matches to 175-31.

If Cochrane's heavy pack gave them an edge in the tight scrummages, then Sultan's clever backs, among whom Kellett, a Navy cap, and McGeehan, and Greenland, the half-backs, excelled, could call on some smart moves and subtle running. Their influence enabled Sultans to underline their superiority in the second period.

Kellett, whose quick-wittedness enabled Greenland to score Sultan's third try was the match's top scorer with nine points from three conversions and a well-taken dropped goal.

A penalty try, to which Kellett added his conversion, signalled the start of Sultan's offensive in the second half and following Kellett's dropped goal and Greenland's try, a fourth try by McGeehan settled the matter.

SCORERS: HMS Cochrane: Tries: Chambers, Wakefield. Conversion: Lofthouse. Penalty goals: Lofthouse (2). HMS Sultan: Tries: Ayriss. Penalty try: Greenland, McGeehan. Conversions: Kellett (3). Dropped goal: Kellett.

HMS COCHRANE: LS S Lofthouse; LS J Ewart, WEM R Brockley, CCPO D Kay, WEM J Spencer; AB J Wakefield, CPO P Chambers; PO C Devlin, AB R Kirk, WO K Hunkin, MEM P Perkins, CPO R Daglish, MEM S Chalmers, LT R Thompson, LS C Bateman.

HMS SULTAN: MEM F Boon; MEA D Folwood, PO R McHale, LMEA A Kellett, CPO K Ayriss; LMEA D Greenland, APP M McGeehan; APP D Stevens, PO P Claridge, LPT A Quinn, APP M Linney, APP M P Brunning, CPO M Kidd, APP S Brignall, LPT T O'Connor.

Referee: Maj J Gibbins (Army Rugby Union Society).

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TOUR AVERAGES

ENGLAND

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
D I Gower	2	4	1	250	136	83.33	1	1	–	–
B C Broad	2	4	1	221	162	73.66	1	–	4	–
C J Richards	2	3	0	148	133	49.33	1	–	4	1
I T Botham	2	3	0	144	138	48.00	1	–	4	–
C W J Athey	2	4	0	179	96	44.75	–	2	1	–
M W Gatting	2	4	0	157	70	39.25	–	2	1	–
PAJ DeFreitas	2	3	0	66	40	22.00	–	–	1	–
J E Emburey	2	3	2	17	8	17	–	–	–	–
A J Lamb	2	4	0	51	40	12.75	–	–	2	–
G R Dilley	2	1	0	0	0	0.00	–	–	–	1
P H Edmonds	2	1	1	9	9	–	–	–	1	–

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BB	5I	10M
G R Dilley	64.2	18	247	11	22.45	5-68	1	–
P H Edmonds	84	31	138	4	34.50	2-55	–	–
P A J DeFreitas	70.4	13	208	6	34.66	3-62	–	–
J E Emburey	148.5	46	297	8	37.12	5-80	1	–
I T Botham	57.2	9	177	4	44.25	2-58	–	–

Also bowled: M W Gatting, 8-3-7-0; A J Lamb, 1-1-0-0.

AUSTRALIA

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
GRJ Matthews	2	4	2	128	56*	64.00	–	1	2	–
G R Marsh	2	4	0	230	110	57.50	1	1	–	–
G M Ritchie	2	4	1	143	45	47.66	–	–	1	–
A R Border	2	4	0	171	125	42.75	1	–	2	–
T J Zoehrer	2	3	1	83	38	41.50	–	–	5	–
S R Waugh	2	3	0	99	71	33.00	–	–	5	–
D M Jones	2	4	0	122	64	30.50	–	1	–	–
G F Lawson	1	1	0	13	13	13.00	–	–	1	–
C D Matthews	2	3	0	21	11	7.00	–	–	1	–
D C Boone	2	4	0	26	14	6.50	–	–	1	–
B A Reid	2	3	1	7	3	3.50	–	–	–	–
M G Hughes	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	–	–	1	–

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BB	5I	10M
S R Waugh	66.3	11	235	8	29.37	5-69	1	–
B A Reid	98	16	279	9	31.00	4-115	–	–
M G Hughes	41.3	7	162	5	32.40	3-134	–	–
C D Matthews	70.1	14	233	6	38.83	3-95	–	–
G R J Matthews	52	6	183	1	183.00	1-124	–	–
A R Border	1	0	6	0	–	–	–	–
G F Lawson	50	9	170	0	–	–	–	–

ENGLAND TOUR AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	100	50	ct	st
I T Botham	6	11	2	436	138	48.44	1	2	5	–
J J Whitaker	2	3	0	118	108	39.33	1	–	1	–
B C Broad	6	12	1	398	162	36.18	1	1	5	–
A J Lamb	5	10	0	340	105	34.00	1	3	3	–
D I Gower	5	10	1	303	136	33.66	1	1	1	–
N A Foster	2	4	1	101	74*	33.66	–	1	1	–
C J Richards	4	7	0	201	133	28.71	1	–	9	2
B N French	2	4	2	55	38*	27.50	–	–	6	1
C W J Athey	4	8	0	200	96	25.00	–	2	3	–
M W Gatting	5	10	0	236	70	23.60	–	2	7	–
P H Edmonds	5	5	2	60	27	20.00	–	–	6	–
PAJ DeFreitas	4	7	1	116	40	19.33	–	–	1	–
G R Dilley	4	3	1	33	32	16.50	–	–	1	–
J E Emburey	5	9	3	71	24	11.83	–	–	2	–
G C Small	4	6	1	59	26	11.80	–	–	2	–
W N Slack	5	6	0	50	18	8.33	–	–	3	–

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BB	5I	10M
M W Gatting	14	3	33	2	16.50	1-1	–	–
G R Dilley	139.2	24	421	16	26.31	5-68	1	–
I T Botham	133.1	27	377	13	29.00	3-42	–	–
N A Foster	60.5	18	151	5	30.20	3-30	–	–
J E Emburey	290.5	87	649	21	30.90	6-102	2	–
P A J DeFreitas	145.4	28	442	13	34.00	4-82	–	–
G C Small	97.3	25	283	8	35.37	3-60	–	–
P H Edmonds	218	65	472	12	39.33	3-37	–	–

Also bowled: A J Lamb, 1-1-0-0.

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ISLEWORTH: Osterley Park relays: Men 4 x 2½ miles: 1, West London Institute, 50min 10sec; 2, Loughborough, 50:21; 3, Birmingham, 51:56. Fastest lap: D Miles (Loughborough), 12:14. Women 3 x 1½ miles: 1, Loughborough, 30:47; 2, West London Institute, 33:15; 3, Crew and Alsager, 33:35. Fastest lap: S Vinall (Loughborough), 9:39.
WEST WICKHAM: Inter-Banks cross-country championships: Men 5 miles: 1, M Quinn (NatWest), 23:17; 2, P Clarke (NatWest), 23:17; 3, S Wilmott (Midland), 23:29. Team: 1, NatWest 27pts; 2, Barclays 138; 3, Midland 207. Junior Banks: 1, Royal Bank of Scotland 10pts. Women's 2½ miles: 1, J Gayter (NatWest), 16:37; 2, A Chataway (Midland), 16:39; 3, M Hutchings (NatWest), 16:45. Team: 1, NatWest Spts; 2, Midland 12; 3, Lloyds 24.

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): Washington Bullets 117, Boston Celtics 109; Atlanta Hawks 116, Denver Nuggets 100; Cleveland Cavaliers 115, San Antonio Spurs 105; Milwaukee Bucks 95, Indiana Pacers 88; Phoenix Suns 124, New York Knicks 100; Golden State Warriors 104, Houston Rockets 99; Portland Trail Blazers 134, Los Angeles Clippers 99; Dallas Mavericks 127, Sacramento Kings 124 (ot); Chicago Bulls 115, Seattle SuperSonics 109.
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: CSKA Moscow (USSR) 89, NHKG Ostrava (Cz) 70; Joventut Badalona (Sp) 98, Villeurbanne (Fr) 83.
KORAC CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Jugoplastika Split (Yug) 84, Dwarese (It) 78.

BOWLS

EGHAM: Lamb's Navy Rum Classic: Quarter-finals: R Roylands (Mansfield) bt M Selger (Cyphers, Beckenham), 1-7, 7-5, 7-6; A Thomson (Cyphers Beckenham) bt S Halmai (Peddington), 7-4, 7-6; G Smith (Cyphers, Beckenham) bt D Heaton (Egham), 7-5, 7-6; W Richards (Cambridge Pk, Twickenham) bt N Thompson (Cambridge Pk), 7-2, 6-7, 7-5.

SQUASH RACKETS

SHEFFIELD: Ward's Hallamshire invitation championship round robin: L Opie bt I Cawthorne, 2-9, 9-2, 9-2, 10-8; M Lavens bt A Bennett, 9-7, 4-9, 9-3, 6-9, 9-3. LONDONDERRY CUP: First Round: Whitgift 3, Harrow 2 (Whitgift names first): D Lee beat D Thomas 9-5, 9-5, 9-3; T Chambers bt J Rogerson 9-6, 2-9, 9-2, 7-9, 10-8; T Tuddenham lost to M Richardson 0-9, 9-6, 9-4, 4-9, 7-9; M Harvey lost to K Connors 9-10, 10-8, 2-9, 9-4, 6-9; D Watman bt T James 9-1, 9-3, 9-4.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group five, qualifier: Greece 4, Cyprus 2.

Group five standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Poland	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
The Netherlands	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Hungary	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Cyprus	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

Group one, qualifier: Spain 2, Albania 1.

Group one standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Romania	2	1	0	1	4	1	2
Austria	2	1	0	1	3	4	2
Albania	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group eight, qualifier: The Netherlands 2, Luxembourg 0. Standings: 1, West Germany, played 1, 2pts; 2, The Netherlands, 2, 2; 3, Bulgaria, 2, 2; 4, Luxembourg, 1, 0.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 0, Cambridge United 0.

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS
TODAY LEAGUE
SECOND DIVISION: Grimsby 1, Blackburn 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Bournemouth 0, Gillingham 2; Newport 0, Bristol City 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Northampton 4, Exeter 0.

FULL MEMBERS' CUP
THIRD ROUND: Ipswich 1, Aston Villa 0 (Ipswich away to Manchester City).
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Bolton 1, Blackpool 0; Cambridge 0, Fulham 4; Cardiff 0, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1; Chesterfield 2, Middlesbrough 1; Crewe 1, Chester 2; Darlington 2, Rochdale 2; Mansfield 2, Halifax 2; Scunthorpe 1, Hartlepool 0; Torquay 0, Swansea 0.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 5, Oxford 2; Swindon 0, Watford 3; Millwall 0, Reading 4; Brighton 4, Charlton 0; QPR 0, Chelsea 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 1, Sheffield Wed 1; Leeds 1, Oldham 0. Second division: Rotherham 1, Huddersfield 4; Preston 1, Port Vale 2.
WELSH CUP: Third round: Shrewsbury 10, Cefn Albion 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round, first leg: Morecambe 3, Macclesfield 2.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Goole 0, Witton 1; Marine 0, Workington 0; Southport 2, Mossley 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Bromsgrove 4, Bridgnorth 0; Buckingham 4, Banbury 0; Corinthian 1, Erith and Belvedere 1; Coventry Sporting 0, Bedworth 3; Dover 3, Canterbury 1; Fisher 3, Chatham 0; Moor Green 1, Hednesford 1; Ruislip 2, Burnham and Hillingdon 2; Sheppey 0, Gravesend 1; Stourbridge 3, Willenhall 0; Thanet 2, Folkestone 2; Trowbridge 3, Salisbury 2; Waterlooville 5, Gosport 0; Witney 0, Merthyr 4.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Billericay 5, Tilbury 0. Second division north: Barton Rovers 1, Wolverton 2; Harlow 0, Hemel Hempstead 2; Saffron Walden 2, Ware 1. Second division south: Camberley 0, Woking 1; Chertsey 1, Horsham 2; Eastbourne United 2, Whyteleafe 0; Flackwell Heath 0, Met Police 2; Molesey 0, Dorking 0.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Enfield 4, Feltham 1; Hampton 2, Wealdstone 2; Hayes 2, Ruislip Manor 0; Hendon 1, Kingsbury 0; Yeading 0, Harrow Borough 1. Postponed: Staines v Uxbridge.
BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: First round: Didcot 0, Slough 3 (at Slough).
BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Braintree 2, Soham 0; Colchester 0, Newmarket 0; Watton 2, Felixstowe 1; Great Yarmouth 4, Sudbury 0; Haverhill 1, Bury 1; Tiptree 3, Brantham Athletic 1.
MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol City 2, Hereford 1.
KNIGHT FLOODLIT COMPETITION: Wivenhoe 2, Heybridge 2.
ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Leyton-Wingate 1, Barking 2.
HERTS CHARITY CUP: Semi-final: Boreham Wood 2, Tring 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Philadelphia Flyers 7, St Louis Blues 1; Minnesota North Stars 5, Buffalo Sabres 4; New Jersey Devils 8, New York Rangers 5; New York Islanders 3, Calgary Flames 3 (ot); Chicago Black Hawks 4, Vancouver Canucks 2, Los Angeles Kings 5, Detroit Red Wings 4.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Haileybury (M Lewis and R Morgan) bt Eton (H Swinglehurst and R Smith-Bingham), 15-10, 10-15, 15-12, 11-15, 15-6, 15-7.

TENNIS

BUENOS AIRES: Argentine Open: First round: Z Garrison (US) bt L Corsato (Brz), 7-6, 6-3; P Tarabini (Arg) bt L Jacchia (It), 6-0, 1-6, 7-5; L Golarza (Mex) bt I Cueto (WG), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Gertner (WG) bt M Pazderova (Cz), 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; B Diesner (Aust) bt J Bleckstad (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; J Golder (US) bt H Sladen (Mex), 6-2, 6-2; S Hack (WG) bt A Tiezzi (Arg), 6-2, 6-1. Second round: V Nelson Dunbar (US) bt G Mosca (Arg), 6-0, 2-6, 6-2.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Thinning out the Whitehall hopefuls

● A Civil Service commissioner, sitting behind me at the Press preview of the *40 Minutes* documentary **The Chosen Few** (BBC2, 9.30pm) which describes the selection process for Whitehall jobs, returned this verdict as the house lights came up: "That was above the level of acceptability". And so, on the assessors' scale of 1 to 7, (7 counts as a glittering success), the first of Chris Curling's two films about the Civil Service recruitment procedure, has cleared the initial hurdles. It gets a pass mark from me, too. Whether the same commissioner would have put part two (next week) in the acceptability category, I am not able to say. And, although I know the answer, wild horses would not drag from me any hint as to whether some or none of the candidates whose sweaty-palm ordeal is detailed in the two films,

CHOICE

are finally picked to tread the same path that *Yes Minister's* Sir Humphrey Appleby has conspicuously trodden to the amusement of the nation. In tonight's film, five candidates come up for a two-day inquisition. Three of them are shadowy figures; the supporting cast, as it were. The spotlight falls on Evelyn (23, Manchester University,ex- bank employee, ex-Home Office police department) and Timothy (25, Oxford, ex-GLC, writer of fiction). Eagle-eyes are trained on their contributions to a debate on whether Britain can afford the luxury of a monarchy, and on an imaginary committee meeting called to decide whether British competitors should participate in an Olympic Games in a country where there has just been a military coup. The camera duly records it, and it is all fair game. But where some people might take issue with *The Chosen Few* is when the camera goes with the assessors into the dissecting room, and the microphone picks up such judgments as "self-consciously yobbish ....."dangerous quality"...."loses balance when facing moral issues". In a sense, however, the balance is restored when the candidate in question, reporting on an exchange with an assessor on the question of whether boxing should be banned, confesses that they were both arguing about technicalities from the same position of ignorance.

● **Blood Red Roses** (Channel 4, 9.30), a three-part drama serial by (and directed by) John McGrath, began life on the stage and traces of its theatrical origins can be detected in it. As a study in militant feminism, however, it carries quite a punch. Literally so, because the central character of Bessie (played, in her younger manifestation, by Louise Beattie) is a born fighter - a fact made abundantly clear in schooldays sequences in which she assaults a teacher and responds with a four-letter word when a clerygman assures the girls that God will lead them to an acceptance of their subservient role in a man's world.

● Radio choice: So condemnatory of our over-burdened NHS hospitals is Colin Douglas's play **Better to Break Your Neck** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) that any aged listener who suffers an injury as the play's pathetic heroine does, will probably demand a cast-iron guarantee of an early operation immediately on being admitted.

Peter Davalle

Terry Thomas, Ian Carmichael, Janette Scott: School for Scoundrels (BBC1,2pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.30** News headlines followed by The Flintstones. Cartoon series (r) **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.40** Watchdog. Consumer affairs programme presented by Lynn Faulds Wood and Jon Stapleton **8.55** Regional news and weather **9.00** News. **9.05** Day to Day. A studio discussion on a topical subject, chaired by Robert Kilroy-Silk **9.45** Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald examines the ins and outs of supplementary benefit **10.00** Neighbours. (r) **10.20** The Wombles. (r) **10.25** Phillip Schofield with news of children's television programmes, and birthday greetings **10.30** Play School. **10.50** Henry's Cat. **10.55** Five to Eleven. Fulton Mackay with a thought for the day **11.00** Food and Drink. A repeat of Tuesday's programme which included an assessment of fast food. **11.30** Open Air. Television makers face their critics. **12.25** Domesday Detectives. Quiz game on Britain, played by teams. **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** News at One with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25** Neighbours. Paul agrees to help Carol with her drink problem **1.50** Animal Fair with Don Spencer. (r) **2.00** Film: School for Scoundrels* (1959) starring Ian Carmichael, Terry-Thomas, Alastair Sim, and Janette Scott. Comedy, based on Stephen Potter's Oneupmanship books, about a put-upon oaf who is persuaded to enrol in the College of Lifemanship. Directed by Robert Hamer. **3.35** Coming Up. A preview of the feature films to be shown on BBC Television. **3.50** Scragtag and His Tee-time Telly **4.05** Sebastian the Incredible Drawing Dog!. Michael Barrymore with the story of The Toastmaster **4.15** Odysseus the Greatest Hero of Them All. Tony Robinson with another tale from Greek mythology **4.30** Galloping Galaxies. **4.55** John Craven's Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter. Bonnie's training is put to the test as she helps conservationists ring ducks. (Ceefax) **5.35** Masterteam. **6.00** News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Top of the Pops introduced by Mike Smith. **7.30** EastEnders. Dr Legg receives some flack when the name of the tenant taking over Ethel's room becomes known. (Ceefax) **8.00** Tomorrow's World. Judith Hann has new evidence that stomach ulcers are caused by bacteria; there is a new lamp-post painting machine; a new type of oar; how a town in Iceland receives hot water courtesy of lava power; and how New Brighton is saving its beaches from erosion. **8.30** The Kenny Everett Television Show. Comedy sketches, and music from Hot Gossip. (Ceefax) **9.00** News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Just Good Friends. The two would-be lovers make for Portugal and a villa owned by the tax-evading Pinners. (Ceefax) **10.00** Question Time. Sir Robin Day's panel is Peter Sutherland, Susan Thomas, and MPs Bryn Gould and Sir Geoffrey Howe. **11.00** Matt Houston. A millionaire's wife is kidnapped and Matt is on the trail of the perpetrators. **11.50** Weather.

Sam Hardy and Cicely Courtneidge in the 1933 British comedy Aunt Sally, on Channel 4, 5.00pm

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax. **9.52** Daytime on Two: A-level studies - statistics **10.15** Science - hearing **10.38** History: the partitioning of Ireland **11.00** Thinkabout **11.18** Preparing children for exeriences outside the home **11.40** A group of teenage girls recount instances of sexual harassment. **12.12** Basic Spanish conversation skills **12.30** French for absolute beginners **12.45** Associations between living organisms **1.05** French conversation **1.38** The microtechnology industry in Wales **2.00** Why different clothes make you feel different **2.15** A musical version of the story of Dick Whittington. **2.35** In the Making. Tessa Fuchs, a potter, demonstrates and talks about the landscapes she makes in clay. (r) **2.55** Wild World. The creatures who live in a city of coral in the Caribbean. (r) **3.45** Small World. Mat Irvine and his models of spacecraft. (r) **3.55** Regional news and weather. **4.00** Pamela Armstrong. This afternoon's topic is the ease with which credit can be obtained. Music is provided by Jaki Graham. **4.35** Look Stranger. The story of Patrick O'Hara who used his redundancy money to buy a kiln and then learnt how to sculpt in porcelain. (r) **5.00** Domesday Detectives. A repeat of the programme shown on BBC 1 at 12.25. **5.30** Film 86. Barry Norman reviews Labyrinth, and Just between Friends. (r) **6.00** Star Trek. Kirk and Mr Spock are forced to fight for their lives against reincarnations of evil tyrants from history. (r) **6.45** What on Earth..? Wildlife quiz presented by Jeremy Cherfas. **7.10** Sir Gordon Richards. A repeat of the Maestro programme in which the celebrated jockey and trainer looked back on his career. **7.40** Open Space: Who Goes Where? A documentary about racial discrimination in the National Health. **8.10** Timewatch: The Human Factor. Peter France presents two films - one about a peasant farmer who accidently discovered the largest cache of Thracian treasure; the other on the Italian forger whose work gulled reputable art experts. **9.00** Entertainment USA. Jonathan King, continues his journey from San Francisco to Los Angeles. **9.30** 40 Minutes: The Chosen Few. A documentary following a group of candidates through Whitehall's Fast Stream Selection Process. (see Choice) (Ceefax) **10.10** Phil Silvers* The officer sent to cure Bilko and his platoon of gambling turns out to be a beautiful blonde. (r) **10.35** Newsnight. **11.20** Weather.

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6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Geoff Meade. News with David Foster at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40** and **7.40**; exercises at **6.55** and **9.17**; cartoon at **7.25**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at **8.35**. The After Nine guests include Claire Rayner with advice on personal problems. **9.25** Thames news headlines. **9.30** The Terms Ahead: the soap opera genre **9.56** Limestone quarrying **10.17** A German programme about animals **10.38** The Norfolk Broads. **11.00** Amy the Angel. A young girl is on the brink of suicide when an angel convinces her how sad life would have been if she hadn't been born **11.45** Wattoo Wattoo. Cartoon. **12.00** Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. (r) **12.10** Puddle Lane. Puppet series with Neil Innes **12.30** The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family in the Forties. **1.00** News at One with Leonard Parkin includes the fourth daily item on Aids which examines how incurable Aids sufferers are cared for. **1.20** Thames news. **1.30** Falcon Crest. Drama serial, starring Jane Wyman, about the vinyard-owning folk of California **2.25** Home Cookery Club. Fresh Apple Tart. **2.30** Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on why hospital waiting lists are so long and what should be done about it. **3.00** Take the High Road. Carol McKay is brought to her senses by a dangerous encounter in the woods **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. **4.00** The Raggy Dolls **4.10** The Telebugs **4.20** Running Loose. Serial about a group of inner-city youngsters on a camping holiday in the English countryside. (Oracle) **4.45** Dangermouse. Cartoon series about a secret service rodent and his timorous assistant. **5.15** Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness. **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news. **6.25** Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of hearing therapy. **6.35** Crossroads. An unwanted visitor interrupts Jill when she is hard at work. **7.00** Emmerdale Farm. Will Amos be able to smuggle his big surprise for Mr Wilks into the Woolpack? **7.30** Film: Stroker Ace (1983) starring Burt Reynolds and Ned Beatty. Lighthearted tale of an ace stock car racer and the trouble he has with his sponsors who look unkindly at his unorthodox behaviour. Directed by Hal Needham. **9.00** Girls On Top. Comedy about three girls sharing an apartment in the home of an impoversished titled lady. Starring Dawn French, Jennifer Saunders, Ruby Wax, Joan Greenwood and, tonight, as Shelley's mother, Soap star Katherine Helmond.(Oracle) **9.30** This Week: Corridor of Power. How South African-backed rebels are trying to de-stabilise the Front Line African states by constantly attacking the 200 miles long Beira Corridor which is their life-line. The reporter is Trevor Phillips. **10.00** News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines. **10.30** Quincy. When his superior, Dr Astin, bungles an autopsy, Quincy has to help clear his name. (r) **11.30** The Business of Excellence. Robert Schwartz and Alistair Mant present their new ideas on business thinking. **12.15** Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous. Jane Seymour. **12.40** Night Thoughts.

Elizabeth MacLennan in the first episode of a drama serial about a fighting woman, Blood Red Roses (Channel 4, 9.30pm)

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2.15 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords. **2.30** Film: Kismet (1944) starring Ronald Coleman and Marlene Dietrich. Fantasy tale of an old Baghdad beggar who, in an attempt to marry-off his daughter to a member of the royal household, poses as a prince and woos the fair Jamilla, the Grand Vizier's favourite wife. Directed by William Dieterle. **4.20** Gumshoe Magoo. Cartoon starring the incomparable Mr Magoo, the myopic wonder. **4.30** Countdown. Alec Cooke from Birmingham challenges yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic game. Richard Whitsley is the questionmaster. **5.00** Film: Aunt Sally* (1933) starring Cicely Courtneidge. A young cabaret artiste manages to obtain work at a night club by posing as a famous French entertainer, but on opening night she is kidnapped. Directed by Tim Whelan. **6.30** Union World presented by Trevor Hyett. Union leaders representing Britain's customs officers claim that because of shortage of manpower the government's promise to beat the drugs smuggling gangs is a hollow threat. **7.00** Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen. **7.50** Comment. With her views on a topical subject is Gloria Frankel, a member of the International Committee for the Release of Detained and 'Disappeared' Women in Iraq. Weather. **8.00** Realm of Darkness: Drowned River of Dracos. Geoff Crossley and Julian Griffiths explore the underground river that reaches the Greek coast at the Mani Peninsula. **9.00** Oh Madeline. American domestic comedy series starring Madeline Kahn. **9.30** Blood Red Roses. Part one of a three-episode dramatization of the life of industrial fighter, Bessie McGuigan. (see Choice) (Oracle) **10.30** 20/20 Vision: No Man Wants To Die. Tje story ofDerrick Gregory, an Englishman facing the gallows in Malaysia for smuggling heroin. **11.30** Rejoice. Candy Devine's guests include the Ulster Salvation Army Band, Crossfire, the Newry Cathedral Choir, and John Parker, chairman of Harland and Wolff. **11.55** Relative Strangers. Comedy series starring Matthew Kelly and Mark Farmer as, respectively, a father and son who did not meet each other until the boy was a teenager. (r) **12.25** Their Lordships' House. Highlights of the day's debates in the House of Lords. Ends at **12.40**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.35 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 On The Trail. **11.50** News and weather. SCOTLAND 5.35pm-6.40 Dateline. 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-6.40 Today's Sport. **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Newsroom. 6.30-6.00 Spotlight. **11.50-11.55** News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES 8.30am-8.55 Mastermam. **8.55-9.00** Interval. **11.00-11.18** Gwaid A Starad.

ANGLIA As London except: **11.00am** Sea in Their Blood **11.30-12.00** Weir's Way **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Fifty, Fifty **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00-7.30** That's My Boy **10.30** Eastern Approaches **11.00** Cambridge Folk Festival **11.30** Man in a Suitcase **12.30am** Pasco Profile. Close

BORDER As London except: **11.00am-12.00** Film: Deadly Nightshade* **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** Parlour Game **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **10.30** Border Pool Classic **11.15** Magnum **12.10am** Close.

CENTRAL As London except: **11.00am** Levkas Man **11.50-12.00** Spinnolo **12.30pm-1.00** Contact **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** The Baron **6.00** Crossroads **6.25-7.00** News **10.35** Central Lobby **11.05** Film: Madhouse **12.40am** Jobfinder **1.40** Close.

CHANNEL As London except: **11.00am-12.00** Three Musketeers **1.20pm** News **1.30** Home Cookery **1.35-2.30** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** Country GP **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **10.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30** Symphony **12.00** Untouchables **1.00** Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **11.00am** Cartoon **11.10-12.00** Dangerfreaks **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **7.00-7.30** Much Ado at Haddo **10.30** Minder **11.30** Cramn Tara **12.00** Sounds Gaelic **12.30am** News, Close.

GRANADA As London except: **11.00am** Runaway Island **11.25-12.00** Connections **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** This is Your Right **10.30** Minder **11.30** All Kinds of Country **12.00** Who's The Boss? **12.25am** Close.

HTV WEST As London except: **11.00am-12.00** Five Weeks in a Balloon **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.25** Country Practice **6.00-6.35** News **10.30** West This Week **10.55** Weekend Outlook **11.00** Minder **12.00** That's Hollywood **12.30am** Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.36** Wales at Six **10.30-11.00** Wales This Week.

TSW As London except: **11.00am-12.00** New Avengers **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Tucker's Witch **6.00** Today South West **6.35-7.30** Knight Rider **10.32** Film: To Kill a Rat **12.40am** Postscript, Close.

TVS As London except: **11.00am-12.00** Three Musketeers **1.20pm** News **1.30** Action! **1.35-2.30** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** Country GP **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **10.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30** Symphony **12.00** Unsouchables **1.00am** Company, Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: **11.00am-12.00** Nature of Things **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.30** Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **10.32** Briefing **11.30** Word Into Image **12.30am** Preparing to Celebrate Christmas

ULSTER As London except: **11.00am** Little House on the Prairie **1.20pm** Lunchtime **1.30-2.30** Fall Guy **3.30-4.00** Different Strokes **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.25-6.35** Police Six **10.30** Counterpoint **11.00** Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* **12.00** Show Express **12.30am** News,

YORKSHIRE As London except: **11.00am** Capitol **11.30-12.00** Care Bears **12.30pm-1.00** Lunchtime Live **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Yellow Rose **6.00-6.35** Calendar **10.30** Mike Hammer **11.30** New Avengers **12.30am-6.00** Music Box.

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Schools' Programmes **11.45** Interval **12.20pm** Scotland Yard* **1.00** Years Ahead **1.45** Their Lordships House **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Film: Dixie* **4.05** Fisiadaeon **4.30** Athro Amser **4.35** Haloo **5.00** Abbott and Costello Show* **5.30** 4 What It's Worth **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Wales On **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Rangion Fawr **8.10** Ar y Ffordd **8.40** Dinas **9.10** Y Clecwr **9.40** Hill Street Blues **10.40** A Time There Was **12.30am** Close.

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight. **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** You'll Never Be 16 Again (history of the British teenager) **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw. VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2. **10.00pm** As Radio 1. **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF
News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**. Sports Desks **1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mf only), **9.55** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** David Hamilton **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton **9.00** Rhythm and Blues (Paul Jones) **10.00** The News Huddlines (Roy Hudd) **10.30** Star Sound Cinema. Movie magazine (Nick Jackson) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00pm** Charles Nove **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30). **7.00** News. **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **7.30** Folk in the Modern World. **7.45** Network UK. **8.00** News. **8.09** Reflections. **8.15** Country Style. **8.30** John Peel. **9.00** News. **9.05** Review of British Press. **9.15** World Today. **9.30** Financial News. **9.40** Look Ahead. **9.45** Body Talk. **10.00** News. **10.01** Arthur Freed and the Hollywood Musical. **10.30** King Street Junior. **11.00** News. **11.09** News About Britain. **11.15** New Ideas. **11.25** A Letter from England (until 11.30). **12.00** Radio Newsreel. **12.15** Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty. **12.45** Sports Roundup. **1.00** News. **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **1.30** Network UK. **1.45** Lyrics and Lyricists. **2.00** Outlook. **2.45** Jukx Box Dury. **3.00** Radio Newsreel. **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours. **4.00** News. **4.09** Commentary. **4.15** Assignment. **4.45** World Today. **5.00** News. **5.08** A Letter From England (until 5.15). **8.00** News. **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **8.30** Business Matters. **9.00** News. **9.01** Book Choice. **9.05** In the Meantime. **9.15** A Jolly Good Show. **10.00** News. **10.08** World Today. **10.25** A Letter From England. **10.30** Financial News. **10.40** Reflections. **10.45** Sports Roundup. **11.00** News. **11.09** Commentary. **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme. **11.30** Masterpiece in Miniature. **11.40** Farming World. **12.00** News. **12.08** News About Britain. **12.15** Radio Newsreel. **12.30** Music Now. **1.00** News. **1.01** Outlook. **1.30** Lyrics and Lyricists. **1.45** Book Choice. **1.50** In the Meantime. **2.00** News. **2.09** Review of British Press. **2.15** Plants in our Past. **2.30** After Berlioz. **3.00** News. **3.09** News About Britain. **3.15** World Today. **3.30** Business Matters. **4.00** Newsdesk. **4.30** Country Style (until 4.45). **5.45** World Today. *All times in GMT*

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News **7.05** Works by, or featuring, Benjamin Britten. Purcell (Chacony in G minor: ECO under Britten), Purcell (Fantasia No 13 in F : Zorian Quartet with Britten, viola), Bridge (Sir Roger de Coverley: ECO/Britten, and Go not, happy day: Pears and Britten), Schumann (Five pieces in folk stylel, Op 102: Rostropovich/Britten), Elgar (introduction and Allegro: ECO under Britten), trad (Plough boy: Pears/Britten). **8.00** News **8.05** Concert (continued): Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 4: ECO under Britten), Schubert (An die Laute, D 905, and other songs: Pears/Britten), Bedford suite based on Britten's Death in Venice:ECO). **9.00** News **9.05** This Week's Composers: At the Court of Dresden. Recordings of works by J S Bach (Kyrie,from Mass in B minor, BWV 232), W F Bach (Fugue in B flat), Lotti, Quantz, Heinichen and Zelenka (Magnificat) **10.00** English Pastoral: Bax (Morning song, Maytime in Sussex: Cohen piano), Vaughan Williams (in the Fen Country: New Philharmonia), Rawsthorne (Symphony No 2: USSR SO, and V Ivanova, soprano) **10.45** French Piano Music: John Clegg plays Dukas's La plainte, au loin, du faune, and Fauré's Ballade Op 19 **11.05** Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC (r) **11.25** BBC Scottish SO in Germany (under Jerzy Maksymiuk), with Silvia Marcovici (violin). Wilson (Touchstone), Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1), Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3). **1.00** News **1.05** Bristol concert: Delmé String Quartet. Suk (Meditation on an old Bohemian chorale), Dvorak (Quartet in G, Op 106) **2.00** Britten performs Mozart: cantata Die ihr des unermesslichen Weltalls; Britten's Who are these children?; Pears and Britten; Mozart's Piano Quartet in G minor, K 478: with Britten on the cello **3.10** Alzira: Verdi's opera in a prologue and two acts. Sung in Italian. Munich Radio Orchestra (under Lamberto Gardelli), with Bavarian Radio Chorus. With Ileana Cotrubas in the title role, and cast including Francisco Araiza and Renato Bruson. **4.55** News **5.00** Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented bh Michael Berkeley **6.30** Bandstand: City of London Wind Ensemble. Guy Woolfenden (Deo gratias), Joseph Horovitz (Bacchus on Blue Ridge) **7.00** An Observer Observed: Colin Ford interviews the architect, painter and documentary photographer Humphrey Spender (r) **7.30** Bournemouth SO (under Thomas Sanderling), with Alison Hargan (soprano). Part one. Albrecht Guursching's completion of Mahler's Symphony Prelude. Also Webern's Passacaglia, Opm1, and Strauss songs including Befrait Op 39 No 4, Winterweihe, Op 48 No 4, and Wiegenlied, Op 41 No 1 **8.20** One Pair of Ears: the week's music on radio. With David Wheeler **8.40** Concert: part two. Brahms (Symphony No 4) **9.40** Inside: Verse written and read by the South African poet Jeremy Cronin (r) **10.00** Music in Our Time: Ensemble Modern (under Heinz Holliger), with Christine Whittlesey (soprano), Thomas Fichter (double-bass). Klaus Huber (Remember G), Holliger (Zwei Ubungen zu Scardanelli), Isang Yun (cantata Telle dich Nacht), Veress (Orbis tonorum) **11.20** Britten songs and duets: Kathleen Livingstone (soprano), Neil Mackie (tenor), John Blakely (piano). Includes The oxen (arranged by Peter Pears), and Soldier, soldier, won't you marry me ? **11.50** Schubert: Peter Pears (speaker), John Blakely (piano). Abschied von der Erde **11.57** News. **12.00** Close

Radio 4

LF (Long Wave). (s) Stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping. **6.00** News Briefing; Weather. **6.10** Farming. **6.25** Prayer (s). **6.30** Today incl **8.30, 7.30, 8.30** News. **6.45** Business News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** News. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day. **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament. **8.57** Weather; Travel. **9.00** News. **9.05** In Business (r). **9.30** The Natural History Programme. Fergus Keeling investigates the aquarium trade. **10.00** News; Medicine Now. Geoff Watts on the health of medial care (r). **10.30** Morning Story: The Concert by Mairin O'Connor.The reader is Roisin Donaghy **10.45** An Act of Worship (s). **11.00** News; Travel; Analysis: Baker's Score. David Wheeler asks how far the Education Secretary's proposal for Inner City Technology Colleges will improve on the present shortage of scientists and technicians (r). **11.48** Lines of Communication. Patrick Hannan interprets, and endures, after-dinner speeches. **12.00** News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.With John Howard **12.27** Instant Sunshine...Reasonably Together Again (new series). With special guests The Fine Arts Brass Ensemble (r) (s) **12.55** Weather . **1.00** The World at One: News. **1.40** The Archers. **1.55** Shipping forecast. **2.00** News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Christmas entertaining ideas from Gail Duff and Evelyn Rose **3.00** News; Scottish Drama. Better to Break Your Neck by Colin Douglas. Drama about an elderly woman who goes to hospital for a hip operation. With Edith MacArthur and Bill Jack **4.00** News. **4.05** Bookshelf. Susan Hill presents the books programme. Includes Richard Holmes following in the footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson, and an interview with neurologist Dr Oliver Sacks **4.35** Kaleidoscope. Another chance to hear last night's edition, which included items on the Musée d'Orsay in Paris. **5.00** PM News magazine. **5.55** Shipping. **5.55** Weather. **6.00** News. **6.30** My Music. Ian Wallace and Denis Norden v John Amis and Frank Muir, with Steve Race as the question-master (r) **7.05** The Archers. **7.20** Any Answers? Letters sent in by listeners in response to last week's Any Questions. With John Timpson. **7.40** A Musical Evening in America. Teleri Bevan talks to Roberta Peters, principal soprano at the Metropolitan Opera, New York. **8.40** Profile. **9.00** Does he take sugar? For disabled listeners and their families. **9.30** Ian Skidmore in the BBC Sound Archives. **9.45** Kaleidoscope.Includes items on the film Labyrinth; Beauty and the Beast at the Royal Opera House, and Rayner Heppenstall's The Pier **0.15** A Book at Bedtime. The Fall of Kelvin Walker by Alasdair Gray (2 of 8). **10.29** Weather. **0.30** The World Tonight. **1.15** The Financial World Tonight. **1.30** Today in Parliament. **2.00**News; Weather. **2.33** Shipping. **VHF** (available in England and S Wales only) as above except **5.55-6.00** Weather; Travel. **9.05-10.45** For Schools: **9.05** Preview **9.08** An Assembly for Schools. **9.30** Secondary English (11-14) (s) **9.55** First Steps in Drama **10.15** Something to Think About **10.25** Talk to a Sports Star (s). **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Noticeboard **11.05** In the News **11.30** Wavelength (s). **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** The Song Tree (s) **2.20** The Living Language **2.40** Newscast. **5.50-5.55** PM (continued). **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-time Broadcasting: Theatre History – 12.30 Victorian theatre. **12.50** From Hoxton to Drury Lane (s).

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; **LBC:**1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC **Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

Australia slip out of the clutches of Gatting's men

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Perth

Australia saved the second Test match here yesterday after being under pressure pretty well throughout it. In the end they had six wickets in hand, which was more than had seemed likely when Botham caught Boon off the first ball of the day. There was never any question of Australia attempting to make the 391 they needed for victory.

When Border was fourth out, immediately after tea, Australia were still not out of the wood. But Ritchie and Greg Matthews then kept their nerve and their wickets, England eventually calling it a day with a possible 10 overs left.

Considering that a year ago Hadlee, after taking 11 wickets for New Zealand, described the pitch as the worst on which he had played Test cricket, the way it lasted this time was remarkable. The cracks in it, though you could have lodged a bail in some of them, played less of a part than expected; but the same could be said for the bowlers' footmarks, and what turn there was was slow.

England were also without Botham from the 39th over onwards. While bowling it he strained a muscle in his side, one that will need all the rest it can get between now and the next Test, starting in Adelaide a week tomorrow.

Of eight confident appeals for leg-before, only one was upheld. Several others looked most horribly close. But it was ever thus, and to be fair to Australia they escaped on merit. The draw will have given them a breathing space and greater belief in themselves. For England, it was disappointing not to be able to press home the advantage which their huge first innings gave them.

Botham's catch at second slip which got the day away to such a dramatic start was his 100th in Test matches. It was a good piece of bowling by Dilley, the ball bringing Boon forward and obliging him to play a stroke. Of the seven others to have taken 100 Test catches, three were at the ground – Greg Chappell (122 in 87 Tests) as an Australian selector, his brother Ian (105 in 75) as a television commentator and Bobby Simpson (110 in 62) as manager of the Australian side.

Colin Cowdrey (120 in 114), Gary Sobers (109 in 93), Walter Hammond (110 in 85) and Sunil Gavaskar (103 in 118) make up the number. Simpson's average of 1.7 catches a match puts him out on his own; but Botham, do not forget, has also bowled more than 3,000 overs when he might otherwise have been standing at slip.

With scores of 10, 14, 2 and 0, Boon is struggling for his Test place; but by adding 128 for the second wicket Marsh and Jones took Australia well on the way to a draw. Marsh established himself as a sticker earlier in the tour and Jones is beginning to play with much more assurance.

They needed some luck and had it. When Marsh was only one he survived a low chance to Botham at second slip, again off Dilley. It was difficult but Botham has caught harder.

Soon, too, there were some close calls for leg-before by the faster bowlers, two against Jones and one against Marsh. But nothing came of them. Dilley's was a good opening spell and Botham concerned himself with pitching the ball up. Gatting switched his bowlers around, probing for the end by which they were best suited. I thought, however, that he might have brought himself on sooner than he did.

He had as good a chance as anyone of hitting one of the cracks, and not being as tall as the rest he might have got the ball to skid. When he did bowl, just after Botham had gone off, he at once beat the bat and was then within a whisker of bowling Border before he had scored, the ball going over the top of the middle and off stumps.

Australia's second wicket fell, in fact, to a run-out. Jones was playing quite adventurously by now, occasionally going down the pitch to the spinners and always eager for the scampered single. It was in backing himself to make one of these that he fell. Hitting DeFreitas quite firmly to Broad at mid-off, he needed to go with the stroke for the run to have been a safe one. Instead, there was a fractional hesitation and he was beaten by the narrowest of margins by Broad's direct hit at the bowler's end.

Next to go, nine overs later, was Marsh, leg-before playing no stroke to a turning off-break from Emburey. At tea Australia were 152 for three. In the first over afterwards Border pushed forward to Emburey, as he has done countless times before, and gave Lamb, standing close at silly point, a catch.

With Border's departure, England scented victory again and Australia defeat. Greg Matthews found enough ways of wasting time to stamp him as hardly a suitable future Australian captain, a job for which he is being canvassed.

But for all his maddening little ways he knew what he was about, and Ritchie was defending soundly, which he did for two and a quarter hours, and to their understandable satisfaction they held off a new ball and were still together when Gatting accepted the draw.

A cricket match can never have been played in lovelier weather. Every day the sky was a dome of blue. The total attendance of 51,862 rates fifth among the six Anglo-Australian Tests played here, the highest of which was for the first, in 1970-71, when 84,142 watched a high-scoring draw.

Remaining Test dates and venues

Third Test match: December 12 - 16 (in Adelaide).

Fourth Test match: December 26 - 30 (in Melbourne).

Fifth Test match: January 10 - 15 (in Sydney).

FIRST TEST RESULT: England won by seven wickets.

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Complete Test scoreboard

ENGLAND: First Innings

B C Broad c Zoehrer b Reid	162
C W J Athey b Reid	96
A J Lamb c Zoehrer b Reid	0
*M W Gatting c Waugh b C Matthews	14
D I Gower c Waugh b G Matthews	136
I T Botham c Border b Reid	0
†C J Richards c Waugh b C Matthews	133
P A J DeFreitas lbw b C Matthews	11
J E Emburey not out	5
Extras (b 4, lb 15, w 3, nb 13)	35
Total (8 wkts dec)	592

P H Edmonds and G R Dilley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-223, 2-227, 3-275, 4-333, 5-339, 6-546, 7-585, 8-592.

BOWLING: Lawson 41-8-126-0; C D Matthews 28.1-4-112-3; Reid 40-8-115-6; Waugh 24-4-90-0; G R J Matthews 34-3-124-1; Border 2-0-6-0.

Second Innings

B C Broad lbw b Waugh	16
C W J Athey c Border b Reid	6
*M W Gatting b Waugh	70
A J Lamb lbw b Reid	2
D I Gower c Zoehrer b Waugh	48
I T Botham c G Matthews b Reid	6
†C J Richards c Lawson b Waugh	15
P A J DeFreitas b Waugh	15
J E Emburey not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 9, nb 4)	17
Total (8 wkts)	199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-47, 3-50, 4-123, 5-140, 6-172, 7-190, 8-199.

BOWLING: Reid 21-3-58-3; Lawson 9-1-44-0; Waugh 21.3-4-69-5; C Matthews 2-0-15-0.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

G R Marsh c Broad b Botham	15
D C Boon b Dilley	2
S R Waugh c Botham b Emburey	71
D M Jones c Athey b Edmonds	27
*A R Border c Richards b Dilley	125
G M Ritchie c Botham b Edmonds	33
G R J Matthews c Botham b Dilley	45
†T M Zoehrer lbw b Dilley	29
G F Lawson b DeFreitas	13
C D Matthews c Broad b Emburey	19
B A Reid not out	2
Extras (b 9, lb 9, nb 11)	29
Total	401

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-84, 3-114, 4-128, 5-198, 6-279, 7-334, 8-360, 9-385, 10-401.

BOWLING: Botham 22-4-72-1; Dilley 24.4-4-79-4; Emburey 43-8-110-2; DeFreitas 24-4-67-1; Edmonds 21-4-55-2.

Second Innings

D C Boon c Botham b Dilley	0
G R Marsh lbw b Emburey	49
D M Jones run out	69
*A R Border c Lamb b Edmonds	16
G M Ritchie not out	24
G R J Matthews not out	14
Extras (b9, lb 6, nb 10)	25
Total (4 wkts)	197

S R Waugh, †T M Zoehrer, G F Lawson, C D Matthews and B A Reid did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-126, 3-142, 4-152.

BOWLING: Dilley 15-1-53-1; Botham 7.2-4-13-0; DeFreitas 13.4-2-47-0; Emburey 28-11-41-1; Edmonds 22-13-25-1; Gatting 5-3-3-0; Lamb 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: P McConnell and R French.

Botham, having reached a century of Test catches in taking Boon, lets Marsh escape. (Photo: Graham Morris)

Injured Botham faces a race against time for Adelaide

Ian Botham faces a race against time to be fit for the third Test match in Adelaide, which starts tomorrow week, after pulling a muscle in his side while bowling yesterday.

Laurie Brown, the England physiotherapist, confirmed later that the world's leading Test wicket-taker had strained an intercostal muscle. "It is quite a common injury among bowlers and I'm afraid it sometimes takes quite a while to clear up," Brown said. "I'm hoping he'll be fit for the third Test, but we'll just have to wait and see how it goes."

Botham had an ice pack on the injury within minutes of leaving the field and Brown has already started ultrasound treatment. "He's going to be stiff and sore for a day or two but we will try some gentle stretching exercises as soon as we can. Fortunately, he left the pitch rather than trying to carry on, and that may have saved him from worse damage."

Botham's absence from the third Test match would be a major blow for England. While the tourists might get by without his seam bowling on an Adelaide pitch expected to favour spin, Botham's batting would be badly missed.

Although twice failing in Perth, he set up England's first Test victory in Brisbane with a magnificent century and is the man Australia fear most. Mike Gatting, the England captain, said: "Perhaps we might not need a third seamer in Adelaide, but hopefully Ian will be fit because he's a very useful batsman coming in at number six."

Gatting was disappointed not to have won the match, but he was far from dispirited. The WACA pitch failed to give his bowlers the help he had hoped for on the final day. "I don't think anyone got that much out of the wicket all match," he said. "It played quite well throughout and when the ball did hit a crack today it did far too much."

Gatting said he had hoped to declare about 20 minutes before stumps on the previous day but explained: "Unfortunately we kept losing wickets at the wrong time. Anyway, if we had declared last night I think Australia would have been able to bat for an extra 20 minutes or half an hour today.

"I don't think we've let Australia off the hook in any way. We are still one up in the series and they had to battle to survive today."

The Australian captain, Allan Border, had "a great feeling of relief" after the match. "I'm happy to have got out of it with a draw," he said.

Border added: "We are still not playing well. We are struggling with our bowling. You can't win a Test match if you let the opposition get 500."

Under attack

Cape Town (AFP) – Protesters yesterday stoned the home of a businessman connected with the sponsorship of an Australian cricket tour of South Africa in defiance of an international sports boycott of South Africa. The attack is the latest of several on the property of people connected with the current rebel tour. Mr. Lodwick said his house was stoned soon after midnight, and several windows were smashed.

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TENNIS

Becker one game away from No. 1

From Richard Evans New York

At the age of 19 years and two weeks, Boris Becker, is just one match away from laying legitimate claim to the position of the world's No. 1 player.

Should he beat Ivan Lendl in the final of the Nabisco Masters here at Madison Square Garden next Monday, it will be very difficult for the ITF panel of past champions to ignore the claims of the Wimbledon champion.

Statistically, Lendl is assured of finishing 1986 as number one, both on the ATP computer ranking and the Nabisco leader board which is restricted to points earned on the Grand Prix tour.

However, the ITF panel take other facts into consideration and should Becker beat Lendl here, one of them will become indisputable. Already the West German has a 3-1 winning lead over Lendl this year, having beaten him on grass, cement and indoors at Wimbledon, Chicago and Sydney and should he add the Masters title to his Wimbledon crown, the Czech's French and US Open titles would hardly be sufficient.

However, there is much tennis to be played in the round-robin format before a head-to-head clash between the game's two top players can come about.

Lendl, who opens against the only non-European in the eight-man field – Andres Gomez, of Ecuador – tonight is in a group with one of three Swedes, Stefan Edberg, and Yannick Noah, the Wembley hero who has a record of beating Lendl in important matches.

Becker heads the other round-robin group which includes another Frenchman Henri Leconte, Mats Wilander, and Becker's first opponent, Joakim Nystrom, who is fit again after injury.

The big question mark hovers around Lendl's match fitness. He has been working with typical zeal and thoroughness to overcome tendinitis in his left hip but looked below his best while losing to John McEnroe in Atlanta last week

Becker and Leconte, both power hitters, should emerge from the other group for the knock-out semi-finals on Sunday. Power, indeed, will be the essence of this Masters.

It is a different game these days: different even from a decade ago when John McEnroe first appeared on the scene and certainly light years away from the days when Ken Rosewall's delicate precision could cut down players with twice his fire power. The little Australian, aged 52 but still active on the Grand Masters tour, was in town this week to receive an accolade from the Association of Tennis Professionals at their JAKS awards dinner as a "great player of the past". In 1974 Rosewall was blasted to defeat in the Wimbledon and Forest Hills finals by Jimmy Connors and his modern power game.

SA row takes a new twist

By John Goodbody

A team from a leading South African public school have arrived in England for a series of rugby matches despite the British Government's support of the Gleneagles Agreement, which seeks to sever sporting links with the Republic.

Just as the Hedgehogs, a team from the University of Cape Town, were cancelling the rest of their five-match tour of south-east England after a public outcry, Michaelhouse, from Natal, were preparing to play Sherborne, the public school in Dorset, this afternoon.

The general committee of the Welsh Rugby Union will also decide today whether to sanction several fixtures provisionally arranged by Michaelhouse against Welsh opposition.

Mr Robin Macnaughton, the headmaster of Sherborne, said he thought the Gleneagles Agreement applied only to sport at adult and professional levels and not to schools. "But I do not think it would have made any difference to our attitude. There is no question of the game not taking place. 'We have made some sort of arrangement and we will honour it," he said.

Mr Rob Tennick, of the Rugby Union, said yesterday: "There was an eleventh hour request from David Scott, the master in charge of rugby at Sherborne, for permission for the game to be played. The team have been touring Wales and apparently had a spare date. Until the phone call from Sherborne we had no knowledge of the visit. We had no objection but asked Mr Scott to fill in the appropriate form immediately."

Mr Tennick said South African schools "have frequently drifted in and out of Britain over the years. If we cannot bring the youngsters in here what chance have they got to change anything?"

The Rugby Union have always believed that the best way of changing the apartheid system in South Africa is by maintaining contacts. But, at the moment, the Rugby Union has barred all trips there by players and clubs because of the visit to South Africa last summer by the unofficial New Zealand Cavaliers.

Mr Ray Williams, the secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, said yesterday: "The Welsh Schools Rugby Union cannot entertain any visit from a South African school but the Welsh Youth Rugby Union can."

Hedgehogs call off their tour

By Paul Martin

Beating a retreat in the face of a mounting rumpus and threats of demonstrations and disruptions, the Hedgehogs team from South Africa yesterday called off their tour of southern England. "We've had enough of this," the team captain, wishing to remain anonymous, said. "We'll make the rest of the trip a holiday." Both Richmond, who were considering their match on Saturday, and Southend, who were determined to go ahead with theirs on Sunday, expressed sadness that outside pressures had forced the cancellation.

The tour organizer, David Barclay, whose club, Rosslyn Park, cancelled their match planned for yesterday, remarked: "I am disgusted that the tour is off. It is a victory for the radicals. When will we stop surrendering to them?" It had set back his plans to bring over a multi-racial team next year, he added.

Richmond and Southend had security worries. Mike Humphreys, the Richmond chairman, had yesterday consulted the police on how their ground could be protected from disruptive demonstrations. They had four years previously, he said, called off a match against a South African team, Collegians of Durban, "because of police advice that it would be difficult and very expensive" to provide full security against pitch invasions, costing the club around £10,000.

Southend expressed "trepidation" at possible damage being caused to their pitch by what one official there described as "a lunatic fringe who we understand were planning to join anti-apartheid demonstrators"; the club also worried about embarrassing the club's sponsors, Access.

Richmond's senior coach, Derek Wyatt, has withdrawn his resignation, tendered in protest at the club's fixture. But Humphreys said Richmond would "continue our policy of playing against South Africans and touring there once the Rugby Football Union's restrictions are lifted".

YACHTING

Lamazou dispels the fears

By Barry Pickthall

The second stage of the BOC singlehanded round the world race from Cape Town to Sydney is turning into something of a chicken run, with all competitors reporting pea-soup fog and a worrying number of icebergs this week. Only a few, like Britain's Harry Mitchell have had the prudence to reduce sail, a decision that has cost him dearly, for he now trails almost 2,000 miles behind the leaders who continue to make most of the 50 knot westerly winds, surfing through the Roaring Forties on a wing and a prayer, often reaching speeds of 20 knots or more.

The race organizers had a nerve-racking start to the week too, when the Argos satelite system, tracking these intrepid soloists, showed Titouan Lamazou's leading French boat, Ecureuil d'Aquitaine, to have stopped dead in the water. Thankfully, he and his boat were all right.

The experience patently failed to break his nerve though, for Lamazou, a marine artist by trade, has continued to keep up his average of 230 miles a day since leaving Cape Town two and a half weeks ago, to maintain a hefty 220-mile lead over his nearest rivals. Two other Frenchman are fighting it out for second place. Philippe Jeantot, the winner four years ago, finally got ahead of Jean Yves Terlain's UAP for the first time on Tuesday.

LEADING POSITIONS (with miles to Sydney): 1, T Lamazou, Ecureuil d'Aquitaine, (2,080); 2, P Jeantot, Credit Agricole III, (2,287); 3, J Y Terlain, UAP, (2,378); 4, G Bernardin, Biscuits Lu, (2,905); 5, I Kiernan, Spirit of Sydney, (2,883).

SNOOKER

Methodical play slows progress

By a Correspondent

Progress at the £200,000 Hofmeister world doubles championship in Northampton yesterday maintained its predictably slow pattern when Dennis Taylor and Terry Griffiths took two hours to open up a 3-1 lead over their unseeded and unfancied opponents, Mike Darrington and Bill Oliver.

They began promisingly enough. Taylor pocketed a break of 53 to win the opening frame and a 42 that won the second but it took 44 minutes before they stretched their lead with a 75-44 success in the third frame.

Darrington and Oliver, who came through two qualifying matches to reach this stage of the tournament, made inroads of their own by taking the fourth frame 69-37 to remind their opponents they still had a fight on their hands.

Rex Williams and Graham Miles, the No. 13 seeds, were given plenty to think about by the Yorkshireman, Ian Williamson, and his partner, Robbie Grace, of South Africa. Williamson and Grace took the first two frames before Miles made his presence felt with a break of 48 that was enough to win the third.

There were victories for Mike Hallett and Stephen Hendry and the all-Welsh partnership of Doug Mountjoy and Wayne Jones. Hallett and Hendry defeated Bill Werbeniuk and Danny Fowler 5-3 after, at one time, holding a 3-0 lead while the Welshmen were comfortable 5-1 winners over Matt Gibson and Dave Chalmers.

RESULTS: Third round: D Mountjoy and W Jones (Wales) bt M Gibson (Scot) and D Chalmers (Eng) 5-1. M Hallett (Eng) and S Hendry (Scot) bt D Fowler (Eng) and B Werbeniuk (Can) 5-3. D Taylor (Wire) and T Griffith (Wales) bt M Darrington and W Oliver (Eng) 5-1.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ringing in the change

The British Boxing Board of Control have realized they are fighting a losing battle in trying to stop the top promoters running shows in close proximity.

As from January 1, they will cease to control tournament dates, leaving rival promoters to stage contests, together with television coverage, on the same night. John Morris, the secretary of the board, said yesterday: "If anybody wants to run on the same night and in the same street they can, although obviously that would not be wise from a financial viewpoint."

Aiming high

Eric Bristow is to defend his Butlin's grand master darts title at the Austin Sports and Social Club in Longbridge, Birmingham on December 9 and 10. His main rival will be John Lowe, the second seed, with Mike Gregory seeded three and Bob Anderson four.

Hateley: Staying put

Going places

The British Open squash championships, sponsored by Hi Tech Sports, have a new venue for the qualifying first and second rounds of the competition. These will be held at the London South Bank squash centre from April 4-8, with the third round onwards being staged at Wembley.

Hateley's hope

Mark Hateley, the 25-year-old England forward, said yesterday that he hopes to keep playing in Italy next year, despite bids by some British clubs to bring him home.

Hateley, whose contract with AC Milan expires next June, has attracted the attention of Liverpool, Arsenal and Portsmouth. But in an Italian sports newspaper, Hateley was quoted as saying: "I hope to have my contract renewed or to join another Italian major league team next year. Thanks England, but I will stay here."

In training

Captain Mark Phillips is to spend two days this winter training top young riders from Scotland and the north of England at Gleneagles Hotel. The scheme is funded by the Range Rover team, who sponsor Captain Phillips in competition, and the six riders will be selected by the British Horse Society's horse trials group.

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